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ONLY 2 MILLION PEOPLE TOOK DOMESTIC FLIGHTS IN JULY

A total of 21.07 lakh people took domestic flights in July this year, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said

COVID OUTBREAK HIT LOAD FACTOR: DGCA

According to the DGCA, the number of passengers who flew on domestic flights in July this year was 82.3 per cent lower than the corresponding period last year. "The passenger load factor in the month of July 2020 has shown a sharp decline due to limited air operations because of Covid-19 outbreak," the civil aviation regulator said

CARRIERS SEE <60% OCCUPANCY IN JUNE

- The occupancy rate for five out of the six major Indian airlines stood around 50-60% in June this year
- SpiceJet, however, witnessed highest occupancy at 70% in July
- Meanwhile, other carriers, including IndiGo, GoAir, Vistara, AirAsia India and Air India, saw only 45-60% occupancy

45%

MAXIMUM OF PRE-COVID DOMESTIC FLIGHTS THAT AIRLINES CAN OPERATE

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SDPI ROLE IN RIOTS UNDER LENS, 7 FIRs FILED

Central Crime Branch takes up case, police scour through CCTV footage from the affected areas to identify culprits, assess damage

How many among them (accused of rioting) are real culprits? All of them cannot be culprits. Only the guilty should be held responsible for the incident and merciless action should be taken against them.

HD Deve Gowda, Ex-PM

MLA, family visit house

MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy visited his house on Thursday, accompanied by family members, who broke down on seeing its condition.

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THE Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) is now under the scanner over its suspected involvement in Tuesday night's riots in Kaval Byrasandra area of Bengaluru. Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said the organisation's role in the mob violence will be thoroughly investigated. The case has been handed over to the Central Crime Branch (CCB) and three special teams have been formed to nab those still at large.

With seven more arrests on Thursday, the total number touched 200. The police have arrested SDPI's Bengaluru district secretary Muzammil Pasha, a resident of the area, in connection with the arson and riot which claimed three lives in police firing, and also saw the burning of several vehicles and Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy and his neighbours' houses. They have registered seven FIRs in Devarajeevanahalli and Kadugondanahalli police stations -- which were attacked by the mobs on Tuesday night -- naming 22 accused. The police said they have identified nine among them to be SDPI members, but have not disclosed their names.

According to eyewitnesses, the mob came prepared to attack the MLA's house and the DJ Halli police station. Senior police officers visited the spot on Thursday and analysed footage from about 200 CCTV cameras to identify the accused. The police on Thursday produced some of the prime accused before a magistrate to take them into their custody..

One of the FIRs is against P Naveen, the nephew of MLA Srinivasa Murthy. Naveen, who has since been arrested, allegedly put up a blasphemous post on social media, triggering Tuesday night's violence in which 19 people, including three media persons and 14 policemen, sustained injuries. He faces charges under two Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections pertaining to fostering enmity among communities and outraging religious feelings.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda said, "How many among them (accused of rioting) are real culprits? All of them cannot be culprits. The innocent should not be punished, this is my request to the police."

Forensic experts collect spent cartridges from the DJ Halli police station premises in Bengaluru on Thursday after violence rocked the area two nights ago | VINOD KUMAR

SDPI flag found on statue of saint

An SDPI flag was found on a mantap bearing the statue of saint-philosopher Shankaracharya in Sringeri town on Thursday. It is suspected that the flag was placed on Wednesday night when it was raining. Devotees staged a protest on Thursday and demanded that the culprits be arrested immediately. Reacting to the incident, Kannada and Culture Minister C T Ravi tweeted that he had directed the Superintendent of Police to take action against the culprits. Chikkamagaluru SP Hakay Akshay Machindra also said that an FIR has been registered. **P7**

'Mobsters were outsiders, MLA our Anna'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

FAMILY feud and an alleged conspiracy to sabotage the career of the Pulakeshi Nagar Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy by his party rivals and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) are emerging as the possible reasons behind the burning down of his house, said sources.

The Tuesday attack on the DJ Halli police station and the MLA's house in Kaval Byrasandra was led by "outsiders", say residents of Devarajeevanahalli (DJ Halli,) who are yet to recover from the shock of the violence. "There were outsiders in the mob, who gathered before the DJ Halli police station within no time and damaged it. They burnt down Anna's house. He is like a family member to a majority of the people in this area," said Munna, a DJ Halli resident.

"We are supporters of 'Anna'. How can we think of harming him?" asked cable operator Fairoz of Devara Jeevana Halli.

"Anna is a very popular politician. He does not differentiate between people on religion or financial status. We have always voted for him even when he was with the JD(S). We vote for Anna and not the party he represents," said Fairoz.

"On every Eid he stands at the Tannery Road Circle and wishes everyone. On Ganesha (Chaturthi) and St Mary's feast, you can find him walking inside the narrow lanes, greeting people," he said. **P2**

TRAVEL EASED

H-1B holders can return to US to resume their jobs

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

THOSE who hold H-1B visas can now enter the US to resume their jobs, a move that will bring cheer to thousands of Indian professionals. They can travel with their spouses and children/dependents.

The H-1B visa-holders whose travel is supported by a request from a US government agency can also enter the US. These are the major highlights of the relaxations announced by US President Donald Trump on Thursday, diluting an earlier order banning the entry of H-1B workers to the US till the end of the year.

Trump's June 22 order had sparked panic among H-1B holders stuck outside the US due to Covid, especially those whose visas were up for renewal.

According to Harinder Sekhon, an expert on India-US relations, the US has been forced to relax norms as it needs trained manpower to revive its economy. According to her, Trump has not offered any new concession; the blanket ban has been only relaxed a bit.

Gehlot plans trust vote to counter BJP move

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot (left) and senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot flash victory signs during a party MLAs' meeting, at the CM's residence in Jaipur on Thursday | PTI

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

HOURS after the BJP said, it will move a no-trust motion against the Ashok Gehlot Government on Friday, the Rajasthan Congress Legislature Party (CLP) at its meeting on Thursday evening decided to checkmate the saffron party with its own confidence motion.

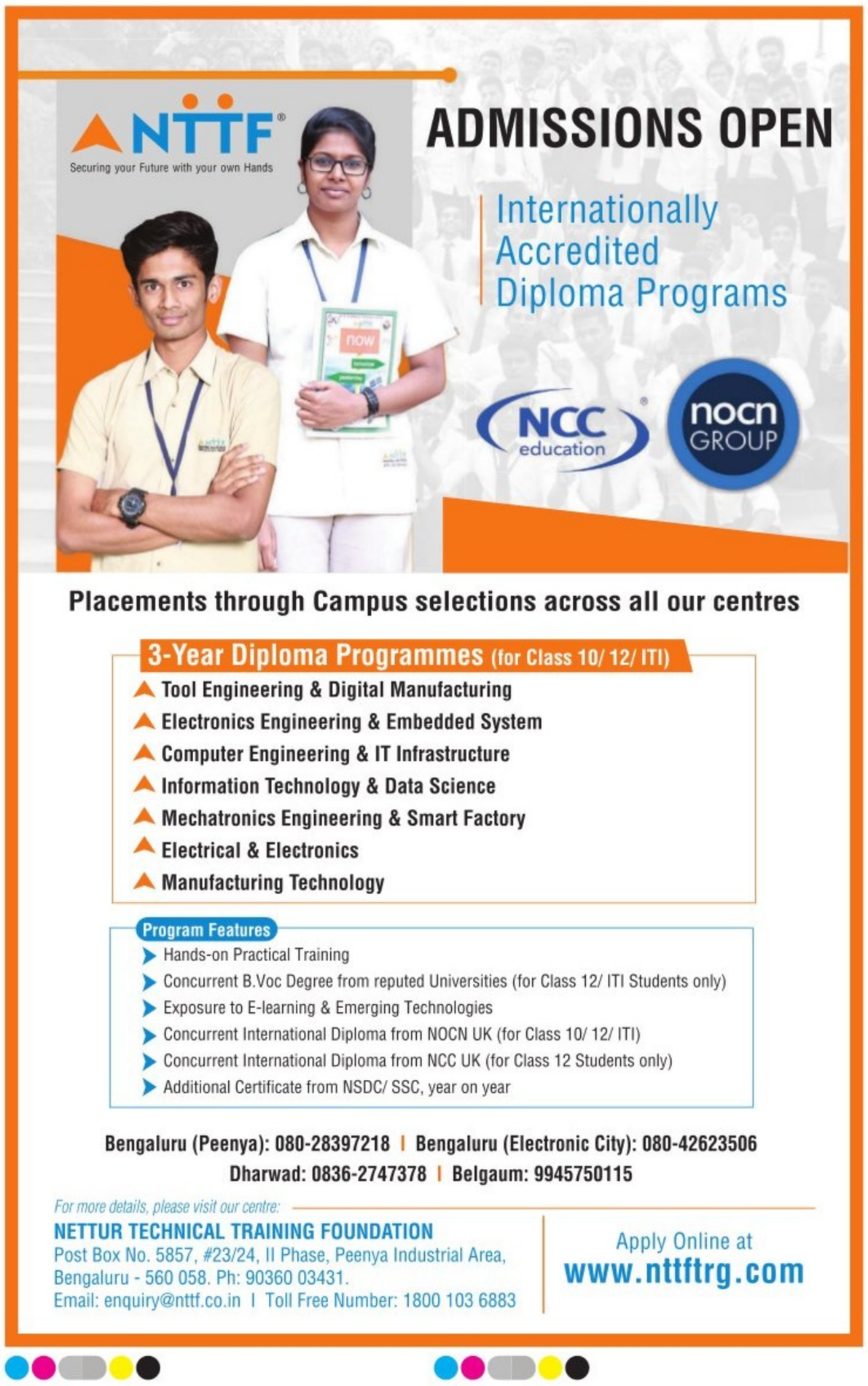
Sachin Pilot, who had led a rebellion against CM Gehlot ostensibly seeking a change of guard, also attended the CLP meeting, chaired by the CM. This was the first Gehlot-Pilot truce meeting of sorts, since their apparent rivalry came into the open, triggering a political crisis in the state. There were smiles all around as both leaders shook hands to present a united front.

Before the CLP meet, the Congress had revoked the suspension of MLAs Vishvendra Singh and Bhanwarlal Sharma. Both were suspended from the party's primary membership last month over their alleged involvement in a conspiracy to topple the Gehlot government. According to political observers, the Gehlot government is no longer in danger after Pilot's return to the Congress fold.

Earlier, speaking to reporters in Jaipur, Opposition Leader Gulab Singh Kataria said, "We will move a no-trust motion and our party is fully ready for this. We plan to question how the government functioned during the past one month when all its MLAs and ministers were herded together in hotels."

The decision to push for a no-trust motion was taken at a BJP legislature party meeting on Thursday. Most senior leaders of the party state unit attended the meeting, which was presided over by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. Notably, former CM Vasundhara Raje, who had been camping in Delhi was also present in the meeting.

With the BJP's no-trust motion and the Congress' confidence motion slated for Friday, the first day of the Assembly session may be stormy. **P10**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EXPRESS READ

UAE, Israel diplomatic ties normalise under deal brokered by Trump

Dubai/Washington: The UAE and Israel on Thursday agreed to establish full diplomatic relations in a deal brokered by US President Donald Trump, a breakthrough that the three nations say will advance peace in the Middle East | **P11**

Zydus Cadila launches generic version of Remdesivir at ₹2,800 per vial in India

New Delhi: Drug firm Zydus Cadila on Thursday said it has launched a generic version of Remdesivir, branded as Remdac, used for treating patients suffering from severe Covid-19 symptoms, at Rs 2,800 per 100 mg vial in the Indian market | **P9**

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COVID WAR

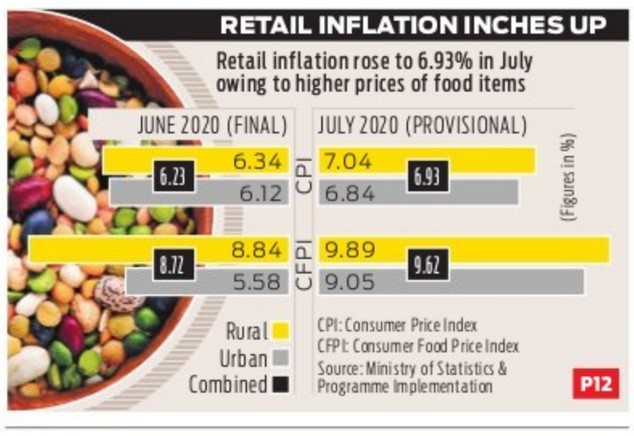
2,03,200 KARNATAKA'S COVID CASES TALLY CROSSES 2L-MARK

6,706 Test Positive on Thursday

3,613 Total Deaths

1,21,242 Total Discharges

• FULL COVERAGE P4



PM launches platform to ease taxpayers' worries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TO make honest taxpayers' lives easier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday launched a new platform comprising faceless tax assessment, faceless appeal system and a taxpayers' charter.

While the faceless assessment system and the taxpayers' charter went live on Thursday, the facility for appeals will be available from September 25. Modi said these reformist measures will instil a sense of fearlessness among taxpayers, as it eliminates corruption and harassment by officials.

Cases related to search and seizure and international tax charges don't come under this facility. **P12**

ALMANAC TODAY
Friday 14/08/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dashami 10.11 am • Nakshatra: Mrigashira 4.12 am • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST Morning cloud

Sunrise 6.07 am
Sunset 6.41 pm
Moonrise 1.25 am
Moonset 1.34 pm

TRAUMATISED RESIDENTS RECALL AUG 11 NIGHTMARE

Many move out temporarily, shops keep shutters down in KB Sandra | Voices in support of MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy in Muslim-dominated area get stronger | MLA has lost many documents in the fire; but family more distraught about losing memories

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TWO days after a mob went on the rampage, in Kaval Byrasandra, traumatised residents are staying indoors and shops are closed, while rifle-wielding Rapid Action Force personnel march on the mostly deserted streets.

Several residents said Tuesday's violence was a "nightmare" and that many people had moved to relatives' houses in other parts of the city. "We never thought this kind of violence could occur here," said a resident who requested anonymity.

On Tuesday night, a mob set fire to MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house and DJ Halli police station, and threw stones at the police, demanding the arrest of Naveen P, who allegedly posted a derogatory post on social media. In about three hours, around 60 police personnel were injured, three men who sustained gunshot wounds died, and several vehicles lay gutted.

"We are still panicky over the violence. Many policemen have been deployed. There was some VIP movement in the morning. Only medical shops were open, though traffic was more or less like on a regular day. People are quite cautious as Section 144 is still in force," said Akash P, a resident of the area. Police have imposed restrictions on the movement of people under Section 144 of the IPC.

A resident who requested anonymity said one of the residents who is a member of a political party, has been given police security. But even they have not stepped out.

Jayanti, mother of the accused, Naveen, told media that she was watching television when people barged into her house. and attacked her family. Had her Muslim neighbours not rushed to her aid, she would not have been alive, she said.

A Rapid Action Force personnel keeps vigil in troubled DJ Halli; Policemen stage a flag march; A vehicle which was charred in the violence that broke out on Tuesday night | EXPRESS

MLA, family break down on seeing house in cinders

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ALL that was left of their childhood memories was soot, ash and rubble. An acrid smell of smoke lingered in the air, a reminder of the violence of Tuesday night.

Pulakeshinagar MLA R Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy and his family, who visited their house on Thursday, broke down after seeing the state of their home. Murthy, his wife and children became emotional as they moved through the house in which he was born and raised.

> If anyone has an issue with Naveen, they could file a complaint against him. This is not the way to take revenge
> Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, Congress MLA

The MLA, who was distraught about losing his mother's mangalsutra, was a little relieved when the family scoured the rubble and recovered it. He said they had lost important documents, including property and jewellery papers, and even his parents' memories.

He said the vandals who ransacked his house had stolen cash and valuables, for which he has decided to file a separate case.

Murthy now lives in a flat in RT Nagar with his wife Kriyashailaja, son and daughter. His brothers and their families lived in the Kaval Byrasandra house, in which he had set up his office and which he visited almost every day.

He sought police protection after the incident and was permitted to visit the house on Thursday. However, Murthy said the people who vandalised and set fire to his house were not local youth.

He denied that the incident had anything to do with the BBMP elections and sought a thorough investigation.

Murthy told media that he would demand an investigation by the CCB and CID, and that he was friendly with the people of the locality and constituency. He then visited the house of Munegowda, a close neighbour, which the mob had also vandalised, and expressed regret over the turn of events.

Congress MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's wife was inconsolable after seeing the state of their house in Kaval Byrasandra on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Attack on Murthy may be work of rivals: Ex-Cong leader

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As one speaks to more people in DJ Halli, voices in support of Murthy in the Muslim-dominated area get stronger and the alleged reasons behind the attack on his house become less opaque.

A former JD(S) leader, he had joined the Congress in 2017 on a call from his mentor and former CM Siddaramaiah, Murthy told *TNIE*. In 2018, he defeated his predecessor Prasanna Kumar, who had contested the election on a JD(S) ticket.

"Some of his rivals in the party may have joined hands with the SDPI to discredit him even though the latter is the bete noire of Congress Muslim leaders," said a local leader.

A former Congress leader told *TNIE* that the attack on Murthy may have been the handiwork of his rivals within the party and SDPI, which has a stronger organisational skill among the youths in the area. "The police investigation should reveal who funded the mob," he said.

Surprisingly, regarding Murthy's nephew P Naveen, who had allegedly posted some highly objectionable post on his Facebook page and said to be the reason behind the arson, the MLA's supporters said that the latter had nothing to do with Naveen. "Anna is not on talking terms with Naveen. In 2015, Naveen had approached the MLA when he was with the JD(S) for a ticket for the BBMP election, but he refused. JD(S) had fielded Anna's wife Shailaja from Ward 48. She lost the election. Naveen has been holding a grudge against his uncle since then but has used his relationship for his vested interests," said a local leader.

Whether Naveen fell into the trap of the SDPI-Murthy's rival combo and planned the coup against his uncle, or his Facebook post was hacked is being investigated by the police.

BLASPHEMY, POLICE INACTION BEHIND UNREST: SDPI

The Social Democratic Party of India, Karnataka, has condemned the blasphemous act, police firing and the alleged delaying tactics of the police in arresting the culprit for the post. Abdul Hannan, Gen Secretary of SDPI, Karnataka, claimed that the blasphemous post was by Naveen, the nephew of local Congress MLA Akhanda Sreenivas. He said, "When complaints were filed at 7pm at the DJ Halli police station, the police inspector and ACP had asked them to wait for two hours. Even at 11.30pm, the police didn't arrest Naveen. This led to the worsening of the situation. The police resorted to firing which took three precious lives. Had the police acted responsibly, the untoward incidents could have been avoided." "Earlier, when a local youth had commented on social media, the police had arrested him within 10 minutes. But in this case, the police played delay tactics under political pressure," he alleged. Abdul Hannan said the SDPI condemns the police for unnecessarily dragging them into the incident. In fact, the SDPI leaders pacified the mob several times in the presence of police and local Ulemas, he said. He said the SDPI demands that Naveen be prosecuted and that 'irresponsible' police officers be suspended.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

14th August : It's an earthy, practical sort of a day in many ways. If you're starting new projects, then you can take them one step at a time. If you are sticking with existing tasks, go back and check that all details are in place. It's much better to move slowly and achieve success than come first only to find that your plans unravel later.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your intuition may already have shown you that the whole direction of affairs is shifting, and that this trend affects your close partners. A change of attitude on your part may therefore be prompted by somebody else's shifting opinions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are so many planets affecting your home and family background that it is difficult to know where to start. As a matter of interest, any enquiry into your origins will help you understand your present situation. You'll gain insights into your behaviour by finding out what your parents or grandparents did.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The various relationships between Mars, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are perfectly optimistic in their inclinations, and should suit you down to the ground. This is a time to get on with your favourite tasks, to exchange information, make short trips and generally chase your special ambitions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It is never easy to let go, but that is precisely what you must do. The point is that only if you open space in your life for new things and people to enter, will you then go on to find the happiness you deserve. What a partner really needs now is your trust.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The tally of helpful and hopeful planets at your beck and call is now four, so you really have no excuse for not making the best of things, even if others have a head start. Look far afield for inspiration today, and try to find new solutions to age-old problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your solar chart is in a distinctly discreet and retiring condition. While you are quite entitled to keep your thoughts, feelings and activities to yourself, be open and upfront in all joint financial arrangements. But do enjoy a secret friendship or flirtation.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your deep need for partnership has been discussed often enough in the past, so the only observation we need make now is that, while everything is broadly going extremely well, this is just the sort of time when you drift into emotional dependency without even realising it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Given that a financial question should now be settled, and that family affairs are moving slowly on an assured course, there is little going on in your chart that doesn't affect your job. Many of you are soon to become officially registered workaholics!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Take a break from all pressing and urgent matters, with the sole exception of developments concerning the law, higher education or travel. Adventure, by the way, is looming on all fronts and, at last, you may see your way to exploring an old ambition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Given that yours is a sign strongly associated with business, we are surely about to see you coming into your own. It doesn't matter whether your approach is strongly materialistic. What matters most is your motivation and sincerity. Do the right thing and others will support you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
When we look ahead and see that the possibilities include either marriage, a new and wonderful friendship, or a partnership that will transform your professional hopes, we can see just how important other people are to your dreams. Even at work, relationships matter most.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
In spite of what some people think, you have no time to waste! If you should be taking a break over the next two months you would be well advised to go for an adventurous trip. Back home, invite the world into your living room and take whatever steps you can to broaden your horizons.

THE PHANTOM

WHO ARE YOU TO INTERFERE IN THE COMING OF THE 22ND PHANTOM!?
I SHIELDED MY SON FROM HARM, AS ANY FATHER WOULD!
B-BUT I DIDN'T INTERFERE... I DO THE RIGHT THING...
FALK

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

THIS PLACE GIVES YOU A FREE PIZZA IF THEY DON'T DELIVER IN 30 MINUTES
PRONTO PIZZA
CAMP SWAMPY
MY SERGEANT ORDERED ME TO DETAIN YOU
PRONTO PIZZA

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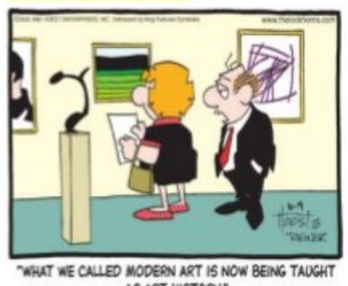

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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4				9			6	
		5			8	1		
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2			5		4		8	
		4	1			7		
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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	2	8	5	9	1	6	4	3
9	3	4	7	6	8	1	5	2
6	5	1	3	2	4	8	7	9
4	9	3	8	1	6	7	2	5
8	7	5	4	3	2	9	1	6
1	6	2	9	5	7	4	3	8
3	4	6	2	7	9	5	8	1
2	8	9	1	4	5	3	6	7
5	1	7	6	8	3	2	9	4

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NFGLU

FIDTR

WNORAD

LODNOE

Welcome! Please, enter here.
Wow! It's finally finished.
THE INITIAL INVESTORS IN THE NEW SKYSCRAPER WERE ABLE TO GET IN ON THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FUDGE SALSA NEGATE SNITCH
Answer: When Bigfoot was spotted near the village, it — CAUSED A "SEEN"

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Tax being cut (6)
4 Standard issue for a minister (6)
9 Obtain professional treatment (7)
10 Unrehearsed part of the actor's speech (2-3)
11 With revision tries to take the examination again (5)
12 Sphere of vision (7)
13 Subside? (7,4)
18 You'll probably be surprised if it goes up (7)
20 Dotty sort of dance? (5)
22 Abuse in common parlance (5)
23 Having a baby, but not coming out with the truth? (5-2)
24 Detective finds the French hiding in ruined huts (6)
25 The character of one's correspondence? (6)

DOWN

1 Send out without a drink (6)
2 Food might be licked (5)
3 Sink for keeping coal in (7)
5 Stone fence may well have one in it (5)
6 Fruit and nut, alas, all mixed up together (7)
7 Ready for marriage and unfamiliar irascibility we hear (6)
8 Hard-working oil drillers do (7,4)
14 Cheer a team endlessly at entry (7)
15 Joint league champions? (7)
16 When to tell all? (6)
17 Standard stopper (6)
19 Make a correction to starboard (5)
21 A fair solution to the clue? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Offbeat, 5 Chaos, 8 Counterfeited, 9 Rotor, 10 Arousal, 11 Builds, 12 Abused, 15 Cohorts, 17 Clout, 19 Change of scene, 20 Ensue, 21 Exposed.

Down: 1 Oscar, 2 Fountainheads, 3 Entered, 4 Thread, 5 Credo, 6 Artists models, 7 Saddled, 11 Bicycle, 13 Bucks up, 14 Ashore, 16 Rogue, 18 Tread.

POLICE PROBE VIOLENCE PLOT, HAND BEHIND FACEBOOK POST

Investigation points to SDPI role, cops suspect youths recruited for rioting

Police inspect the area where violence broke out on Tuesday night and collect evidence | EXPRESS

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU police have begun piecing together the evidence to ascertain what led to the mob violence on the night of August 11 in which three men were killed and several injured over a derogatory post on Facebook.

Initial investigation seems to suggest that it was premeditated violence, according to sources.

"New information is being revealed. Initial investigation points to the SDPI's role but more information is being collected. We have arrested some SDPI members too," Home Minister Basavaraj S Bommai said.

An FIR was filed against Naveen almost 10 hours after the incident. According to highly-placed sources, Naveen, the nephew of MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, whose Facebook post purportedly led to the attack, is not new to the police. He and his brother are known for selling litigation sites, have piled up huge debts.

"There are several cheque bounce cases against Naveen, who was arrested once by Banaswadi police," said a police source.

Other than his political leanings, police are also tracing his call records. According to another officer, in his statement to police, Naveen reportedly said he lost his mobile phone around 4pm, and had lodged a complaint. He says the post was put up after that. "However, police also found a reply to another post from Naveen. This statement of his is being verified," said an officer.

Police also suspect the role of another person in helping Naveen put up the post. "Naveen's English is not so sophisticated and the language used is horrendous and extremely derogatory. Though the post was in reaction to another post, this looks like it was written by another person to create trouble, or he was told to write in a particular manner. We are investigating," an officer explained.

Phone tower locations to give leads

Police continued to detain youngsters, many of them in a drugged state and from other areas, allegedly involved in the violence.

"Through phone tower locations, we have found that many of the boys were mobilised from RT Nagar, Goripalya and Fraser Town areas. The tower locations will reveal all details. If they are from other areas, it clearly shows that the incident was planned and the organisers had enough time to mobilise people. Most of the boys were on drugs, and it is taking us time to get details from those arrested," a senior officer said.

Police are also trying to trace CCTV footage of some of the boys who held petrol filled packets and hurled them at police and vehicles. Sleuths are visiting petrol bunks across the city to gather evidence about whether they could have bought petrol in bulk, and the date and quantity of purchase.

SDPI's strong presence in area?

Senior police officers claim that SDPI has a strong presence in the area and is capable of "organising people"for the act.

A senior officer said on condition of anonymity, "There are many types of gangs in these dense areas. There is a gang of young boys aged 16-21, who are notorious for being in a drugged state and ready to join in such incidents."

"The other is a group of SDPI leaders who work in four teams, and could be involved if violence happens simultaneously in various areas. Such things won't go unnoticed, and will come out soon," the police officer added.

Delay in reaching spot?

When vehicles were going up in flames, and the police appeared helpless, it is said that several senior police officers were at a farewell party organised to send off a recently transferred officer from that area.

It suits BJP govt not to ban SDPI, says Reddy

Charred vehicles lie by a roadside in DJ Halli | VINOD KUMAR T

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FORMER Home Minister **Ramalinga Reddy** on Thursday said the BJP state government is not taking the decision to ban the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) for political reasons.

Terming the SDPI and radical right-wing organisations as two sides of the same coin, Reddy said, "Let the government ban the SDPI. It is Congress votes that get divided and that is the reason the government is not taking the decision to ban the SDPI, but only make allegations."

After Tuesday's violence in Bengaluru, several BJP leaders sought action against the SDPI.

Reddy, who is also a member of the Congress party's fact-finding committee, said the police must taken stern action against those responsible for violence and arson at the police station and the Congress MLA's residence on Tuesday night.

On a Congress corporator's husband being named in the FIR, former Home Minister KJ George said the police can investigate the case and all details will come out. "It is not correct to comment about the probe now. If police call me for questioning, I will go," George said, responding to allegations that the person named in the FIR was his close associate.

Former DyCM G Parameshwara said that during the first meeting of the committee, members discussed various aspects of the incident and the need to visit the site to talk to people and ascertain their views. Since curfew has been imposed in the area, the Police Commissioner asked them to visit after Saturday, he said, adding that it is better to keep politics away from the incident and that all details will be known after the probe.

Former Minister Satish Jarkiholi said the Congress party will not support anyone involved in violence and the police must conduct a detailed probe and take action.

MORE ARRESTS SOON

Cops looking at larger conspiracy, says Bommai

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

STRESSING that there is no doubt that the SDPI has been associated with criminal activities, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said, "The organisation's criminal links are 101 per cent known — be it the murder RSS workers, the stabbing of MLA Tanveer Sait, the Mangaluru violence and now the riots in K B Sandra."

Saying that about 200 people, including some leaders of SDPI/PFI, have been arrested and detained for questioning, he said, "More arrests will be made in the coming days. Our officers are investigating the case thoroughly."

Asked about reports that some people from Kerala had participated in the violence, he said only a full investigation will bring out the facts. The minister explained that the police department is examining if there was a larger conspiracy and who was behind it. "We are also looking into whether the PFI has links across the border, but this will have to be examined closely," he said. On recovering damages from rioters and arsonists, like in UP, Bommai said there is a SC order on this issue. "Treat this as the law. Is that not enough?" he asked. On the issue of banning SDPI/PFI, the minister said if the state government decides to do so, it will be taken up with the Union Home Ministry.

FIRs name 22 for rioting, attempt to murder

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The DJ Halli and KG Halli police have registered a total of seven FIRs, according to which the riots were acts of SDPI members. Police have arrested SDPI Bengaluru District secretary Muzammil Pasha (36), a resident of Kaval Byarasandra.

The FIRs have named 22 people, of whom 16 have been identified as SDPI members and most of them have been arrested. There are over 300 accused people involved in the riot that claimed three lives on Tuesday night.

Six of seven were registered suo motu by the police. The seventh is against Naveen P, the MLA's nephew who allegedly posted the derogatory post on Facebook, based on a complaint by social activist Firdos Pasha. Charges in the FIR include rioting, preventing police from discharging their duties, attempt to murder, and ransacking property.

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TRACKING COVID-19

After the Tumakuru district police office was sealed last month, Mini Vidhana Soudha in the district has been sealed after a revenue official tested positive for Covid-19

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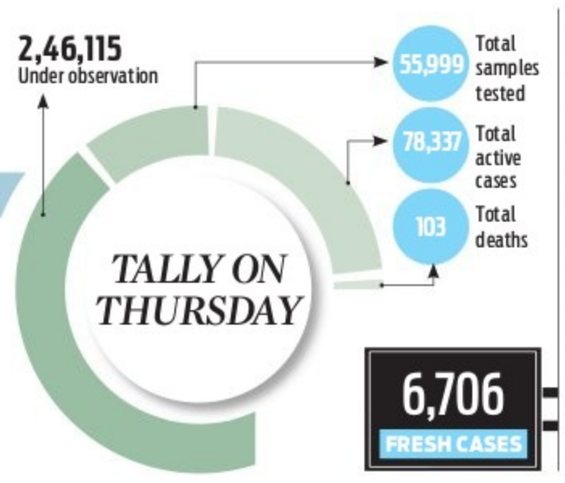
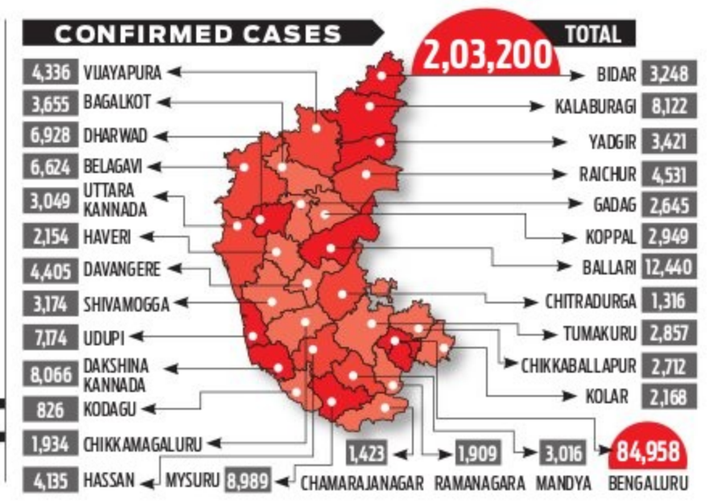




SURVIVORS WARY OF PLASMA DONATION

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

FEAR of catching the coronavirus again, and resistance from family members has left many Covid survivors in Mysuru reluctant to come forward to donate plasma for the treatment of other patients.

Despite incentives from the state government and reports suggesting that plasma therapy has been successful used to cure critically-ill Covid patients, many survivors in the district are still hesitant to donate blood for plasma retrieval.

It's been a week since a facility was thrown open for Covid survivors to donate plasma, but so far, only seven have donated blood, five of whom are frontline Covid warriors – three policemen and two employees of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). The district, as on Wednesday, reported 8,467 cases, with 4,781 patients discharged.

Health officials pointed out that reluctance towards plasma donation ranges from fear of catching the virus again during the visit to donate blood, resistance from family members and myths about donating blood.

"We are appealing to Covid survivors to come forward and donate plasma for the treatment of critically-ill Covid patients, but there is complete reluctance. It might be due to several reasons -- some might feel it is not good for health to donate, or due to misinformation about it. We are trying our best to motivate and hope to see a good response in the coming days," said Dr Manjunath, blood bank officer, KR Hospital.

When TNIE asked Covid survivors why they did not register for plasma donation, the answer ranged from fear of contracting the virus again, lack of information about the initiative and other hindrances.

"I am not interested. Going to hospital amid the spike in cases means contracting the infection again," said a recovered patient from JP Nagar.

Another survivor from Kumbar Koppal said, "I had a bad experience during my stay at a Covid Care Centre. When they can't treat us properly, how can they expect us to donate blood? Let them first fix issues faced by patients and people will voluntarily register to donate."

A few patients are trying to motivate other Covid survivors to come forward and donate as part of social responsibility. Raju, a staffer with the MCC health section, who recovered from Covid-19, was the first to donate plasma in the district. "I took along two of my friends, who had also recovered from the virus. It is safe and also everyone's responsibility to donate and help other patients recover," he said.

Remdesivir SOP finalised

At a meeting held by the Health Department, Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar, informed the attendees that the SOP on the use of remdesivir has been finalised and the drug will be supplied to all private hospitals, facilitated by the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar chaired the virtual meeting to discuss issues related to treatment protocols, Covid testing, admission and discharge of patients, and treating patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness. The judicious use of PPE was also discussed.

Mangaluru likely to get plasma bank

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

THE Dakshina Kannada district administration is exploring the possibility of setting up a Covid-19 plasma bank in Mangaluru to save the lives of critically ill patients.

Deputy Commissioner K V Rajendra told TNIE that he has sought a report from District Health Officer (DHO) Ramachandra Bayary and District Surgeon Dr Sadashiva on whether private hospitals here are technically competent to have the facility. "If they have it and are willing to have the facility, then permission will be sought from the state government," he added.

The DC said he was not sure whether the Wenlock District Hospital has the required instruments to conduct the procedures. However, he said he will get a report from the hospital before proceeding to obtain licence from the Indian Council of Medical Research.

In the absence of the facility, sources said donors are forced to travel all the way to Bengaluru. Recently, Jeeshan Ali, an advocate, and Hyder Ali, an entrepreneur, travelled to Bengaluru to donate plasma. They then returned to Mangaluru with the plasma, which was administered to two infected persons, one of whom was an 85-year-old.

Sources said there is no dearth of plasma donors in Mangaluru, but the problem is that they have to travel more than 700 km to go to Bengaluru and come back. If a collection bank is opened in Mangaluru, then it will encourage a lot of donors.

SUSPICIOUS OF SPUTNIK

Experts raise questions over Russian claims

Say no details of Stage 3 clinical trials, vaccine bypassed key parts of protocol

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE Russian Gam-COVID-Vac seems to have got global attention. However, senior doctors and research experts here are raising concern over the announcement without details of Stage 3 clinical trials. Experts claim that the problem is that Russia, in its eagerness to capture the world with a project dubbed Sputnik V, has bypassed key parts of the standard drug and vaccine-development protocol.

On Thursday, Biocon Chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw questioned Russian claims citing absence of data on clinical trials and "more advanced" programmes elsewhere. She said the world has not seen any data on Phase 1 or 2 clinical trials conducted by Moscow-based Gamaleya Research Institute.

Dr Vishal Rao, head and neck oncologist and who has also been extensively researching on the vaccine front, expressed concern that the Russian Gam-COVID-Vac. "It has only completed Phase 1/2 trials (76 patients) while a successful clinical trial should complete four phases and be tested in tens of thousands of patients," he told TNIE.

He said the study population that is tested needed to be compared by a non-testarm to prove efficacy. The only way this happens is when patients are exposed to the virus.

A senior doctor said, "Vulnerable groups need to be specifically looked into – the elderly, co-morbid and healthcare workers. This is very important."

The experts explained it is an adenoviral-based vaccine that displays the SARS-CoV 2 glycoprotein S molecule on its surface. Upon vaccination, the individual will generate an immune response against the glycoprotein S molecule and thus will have endogenous antibodies that will protect the person from infection with SARS-CoV 2.

"The antibodies produced after the vaccine need to last for sometime at least – preferably a year. Considering all this, we need to caution citizens that it is far too early to conclude on the efficacy of this vaccine. The efforts must be a product of science of pandemics and not politics of pandemics," Dr Rao said.

Dr Jitendra Kumar, MD, Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre, said, "Considering such discoveries as a ray of hope, we could wait for valid data to be published."

Kidwai tests 1L samples, says first in state to achieve feat

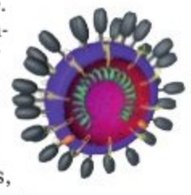
RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

KIDWAI Memorial Institute of Oncology said it completed testing of 1 lakh samples on Thursday.

Dr C Ramachandra said their Covid-19 lab, which started functioning three-and-a-half months back, is the first in the state to reach this mark.

"The lab can test around 3,000 samples a day, and we want to scale this up to 6,000-7,000 samples a day. For that, we need to hire data entry operators, lab technicians and buy computers," Dr Ramachandra said.

The BBMP will visit the institute to inspect how they can increase manpower and infrastructure.



The government rate for RT-PCR testing of referred samples is Rs 2,000 at other labs, but Kidwai charges only Rs 1,550 per sample.

This lab conducts pool testing, wherein one RT-PCR machine tests 384 samples, and each of the three other machines test 94 at a go.

However, pool testing at other labs has come down, said Dr C N Manjunath, nodal officer for Covid testing in Karnataka.

"In pooling of samples, five suspected ones are put into one liquid testing pool. If it tests negative, then all samples are negative. If the result is positive, each of the samples have to be tested individually. Due to cases going up, pool testing has reduced as the samples will have to be tested a second time," he said, who is also the director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

Managing patients in containment zones huge task for Palike, officials

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE management of containment zones has become a challenge for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). According to official data, there are 30,729 containment zones as of August 12, with 39,890 patients. To ensure this number does not go up, BBMP and health officials are asking citizens to shift to hospitals instead of opting for home quarantine.

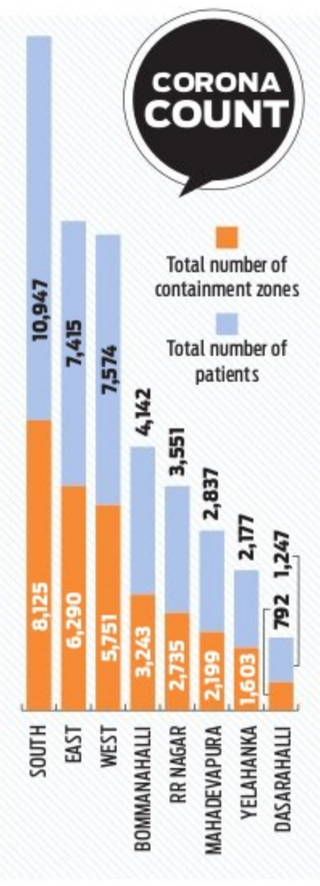
"I was asymptomatic and positive. I had the option to stay at home, but BBMP officials were adamant that I get admitted to a hospital. When I questioned them, they admitted that managing a containment zone is difficult, and that patients shifting to hospitals makes their job easier," Mahesh K, a Covid-positive patient.

Another patient Kaveri L had a similar experience. "When government-appointed teachers came to survey my area, I was found to be Covid-positive. They told me not to disclose this as the BBMP will force me to shift to a hospital."

A health worker takes a swab sample at a fever clinic in Jayanagar on Thursday in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

A BBMP official requesting anonymity told TNIE that residents of containment zones were creating issues and managing them was a challenge. "With cases increasing, manpower required for survey and data assessing work is lacking. Sealing an area or a home and regular assessment is a challenge, and so, shifting patients to hospitals or Covid Care Centres is a better option," the official admitted.

In some cases, neighbours of patients are also requesting them not to disclose that they are positive so to avoid BBMP officials from coming and creating containment zones.



New mark breached, 2L positive cases

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WITH 6,706 fresh positive cases, the state crossed the 2-lakh mark on Thursday, registering 2,03,200 positives. Also, both the number of discharges and Covid patients admitted to ICUs saw a marked increase on the day.

Bengaluru as usual registered the highest positive cases at 1,893, followed by Mysuru (522), Ballari (445), Udupi (402) and Davangere (328)

The state saw the highest number of single day discharges with 8,609 walking out of hospitals. Of them, 2,212 are from Bengaluru Urban, 735 from Bengaluru Rural, 641 from Dakshina Kannada, 637 from Mysuru, 572 from Hassan and the remaining from 25 other districts. The total recoveries stands at 1,21,242. The total number of patients in ICUs jumped to 727, from 701 a day earlier.

The number of deaths was 103, taking the toll to 3,613. One of the affected, a 77-year-old man from Kalaburagi, suffering from ILI, breathlessness, hypertension and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, died at his residence.

Transmission in 65,912 patients are under investigation with no known travel or contact history. Even cases categorised as influenza-like illness (17,774) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (3,835) have no known source of transmission.

The 21-30 age group is the most affected by Covid-19 in the state with 44,746 positives, followed by the 31-40 age group with 43,387.

Siddaramaiah and son Yathindra discharged

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru:

FORMER Chief Minister and Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah was discharged from Manipal Hospitals in Bengaluru on Thursday, after he recovered from Covid-19. His son and Congress MLA from Varuna Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah, who had also tested positive, was discharged along with him.

"His vital parameters were stable and at discharge, he was comfortable and asymptomatic. He has been advised follow-up and home quarantine as per guidelines," stated Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospitals. Siddaramaiah was admitted to hospital on August 3 for evaluation of fever, and the antigen test conducted for Covid-19 came positive. Yathindra had tested positive on August 7.

Siddaramaiah was discharged after reports of the second test came negative, and as per doctors' advice, he will rest at home for a week, a statement issued by his office said.

Siddaramaiah and Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa were admitted to the same hospital. Yediyurappa was discharged on Monday after he recovered from Covid-19, and is currently in home quarantine. Recalling their stay in hospital for about nine days each, Ballal said, "They were both model patients and in spite of their tremendous stature, they were most cooperative with our doctors. Even their security was very subtle and did not inconvenience anyone."

Meanwhile, Health Minister B Sriramulu is being treated by a team of experts at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Bengaluru. "All his vitals are stable and he is being closely monitored," said a medical bulletin from the hospital.

Former CM Siddaramaiah on the last day of his stay at the hospital where he was being treated for Covid

Siddaramaiah's vital parameters were stable and at discharge, he was comfortable and asymptomatic

Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospitals

Change in laws: JDS to launch statewide protest today

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DIVING into issues concerning its core vote bank — farmers — just before the Gram Panchayat elections, Janata Dal-Secular is set to launch its statewide protests against B S Yediyurappaled BJP government in Karnataka over the changes in Land Reforms Act, Industries Act and APMC Act via ordinances.

Former prime minister H D Deve Gowda on Thursday announced his party's decision to stage continuous protests against the amendments.

JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda arrives at JP Bhavan to address the media in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

On Friday, about 200 workers and leaders of JDS will stage a sit-in protest in Hassan and submit a memorandum to the district commissioner to take it to Governor Vajubhai Vala.

"We will begin our statewide protest adhering to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown norms. The amendments to Land Reforms Act and APMC Act is disastrous for farmers. It is unjust to small and marginal farmers. The Industries Act is a bane for farmland and poses a threat to people," said Deve Gowda.

The JDS hopes to make its protest two-pronged — one at the state level over Land Reforms and Industries Act and another at national level against the APMC Act amendment. "I will raise the matter in the Parliament too," Gowda added. The JDS, with its protest, hopes to join hands with farmers' movements against the ordinances already fanning out in the state.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Nadda to lay foundation stone for party offices

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BJP national president JP Nadda will lay the foundation stone for the construction of BJP offices in eight districts and one taluk, in a virtual event on Friday.

The party's state Vice President Nirmal Kumar Surana and Convenor of Office Construction Committee Dr M Nagaraj on Thursday said the offices will have a digital library, conference hall and residential quarters for full-time party workers.

The offices are being constructed from the donations offered by party workers, said Surana. He will lay the foundation stone for the office buildings in Bidar, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Ballari, Koppal, Raichur, Chamarajanagar, Kolar, and Tiptur in Tumakuru district.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa will take part in the event from his residence and BJP state unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel and DyCM Dr Ashwath Narayan will be present in the state office.

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday declined to interfere with the Comed-K test scheduled on August 19 and 20 for management quota seats in private colleges. The court cited the SSLC exams and K-CET, while disposing a PIL seeking directions to postpone Comed-K.

Rain-related losses now estimated at ₹10,000 cr

According to authorities, 18 people perished between Aug 1 and 12

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

A temple in Nanjangud submerged during the recent floods | UDAYSHANKAR S

THE loss due to monsoon fury is estimated to be close to ₹10,000 crore, as per the latest assessment. Based on the initial assessment, the government had sought Rs 4,000 crore financial assistance from the Centre and now a detailed report is being prepared.

At least 13 districts received more rains from August 1 till date and hundreds of villages are affected by floods. As per the Karnataka Disaster Management Authority, 18 human and 42 animals deaths occurred between August 1 and August 12. While 125 houses are completely damaged, 3,639 are partially damaged. This apart, 43,827 hectares of agriculture land and 48,696 hectares of horticulture land are damaged in just ten days' rain. At least 3,500 people are in 109 relief camps in various districts including Kodagu and Belagavi.

As per the initial estimate, about 50 to 100 roads and bridges were damaged. "We have given a prescribed format to engineers and village panchayat officials to provide the loss estimation of roads, bridges and culverts. As per the latest data, 16,633 km of roads are damaged, some partially and some completely worn out. This includes National Highways, State Highways and district roads," said a senior official from the Public Works Department.

"This apart, 547 bridges and culverts are also damaged especially in Kodagu and Belagavi districts," the official added.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Guruprasad, Secretary to PWD, said that they cannot assess the damage when it rains and water gets accumulated on roads and bridges. "We have to wait for the water to recede to estimate the loss," he added.

Citizens' forum calls for fresh EIA of 65-km PRR

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CITIZENS for Bengaluru (CfB) wrote to the chairman of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) Vijayakumar Gogi, demanding that the KSPCB scrap the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and public consultation for the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) to be held on August 18.

They demanded a new scheme for public review due to the change in alignment.

"The 65 km-long PRR has been proposed without a due process. This project costs more than Rs 15,000 crore. Altogether 33,000 trees will be felled. It covers water bodies, catchments areas and reserved forest areas. The initial EIA report submitted was deemed erroneous and rejected by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), as the BDA said only 200 trees will be axed for the project," the letter said.

The NGT had rejected the BDA report based on a report by the Horticulture and Forest Department, which said 16,685 trees would be felled. The NGT said a new EIA needs to be drafted, which was contested by the BDA in the Supreme Court, which ruled that a fresh EIA be prepared. Another EIA revealed that 33,838 trees will be axed. "However, the BDA changed the alignment of the PRR, hence rendering it a new project as per the Karnataka Town & Country Planning Act. This voids the current EIA and calls for not just a fresh EIA but a new development proposal," citizens said. The letter objected to a public consultation being held amidst Covid-19.

Woman found murdered

BENGALURU: The body of a woman, aged around 35 years, was found bludgeoned and stabbed to death on a footpath in Banashankari 3rd Stage near Thalaghattapura on Thursday. A police officer said that the woman was murdered elsewhere a her body dumped in Banashankari. "We also found a cricket bat at the spot with blood stains. There was jewellery on the body, so we suspect that she was killed over a personal issue. Her identity is yet to be ascertained," the officer said. *ENS*

Leopard hit by speeding vehicle dies

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

THE areas surrounding Bengaluru, which have a sizable population of leopards, are no longer a safe zone for the spotted big cats, especially when they are crossing the busy roads and highways. A male leopard was found dead on Thursday morning on Jigani-Uraganadoddi Road. It was reportedly killed when it was hit by a speeding vehicle on Wednesday midnight. This roadkill comes close on the heels of the death of another leopard on the busy Bengaluru-Tumakuru highway at Kyatsandra on August 10.

STATE LEOPARD DEATHS

Date	Area	Cause of Death
Aug 13	Anekal	Roadkill
Aug 12	Honnavar	Claws seized
Aug 10	Kyatsandra	Roadkill
Aug 9	Nagarhole	Snare

Speaking to *TNIE*, Krishna, RFO, Anekal Territorial Range, said the body was discovered this morning. Just three-four months old, the cub had sustained head injuries. He added, "We are investigating the incident. In fact, a mother with three cubs was seen often outside Bannerghatta National Park and it looks as if the dead animal is one of them."

Expressing concern over the incident, a forest official in Bengaluru said the traffic has increased due to construction activity by a premier management institute for adding a new campus. He said, "This area is just outside the PA and sees a lot of wildlife movement. Lot of elephants and leopards come at night time but now are totally disturbed by the construction activity."

EXPRESS READ

No cultural events this Independence Day

Bengaluru: In wake of rising Covid cases and keeping the security of citizens in mind, the BBMP and city Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Thursday announced that the Independence Day celebrations at Manekshaw Parade Ground this year will be a simple affair. There will be no cultural programmes and no grand parade. CM B S Yeddiyurappa will hoist the flag at 9 am. The national, state and farmers' anthem will follow, after which the CM will address the state. Around 75 Covid warriors and 25 patients who have recovered will participate in the event. Meanwhile, 500 special delegates will attend, the BBMP Commissioner, N Manjunath Prasad, said.

40 YRS LATER

Film City plan comes full circle to Hesaraghatta

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FOUR decades after it was first proposed, Film City is yet to take root. And if things go according to the State government's plan, it could come up at Hesaraghatta, the original location that then CM Ramakrishna Hegde had announced.

The project was to come up at the Devika Rani Roerich estate at Tataguni estate, off Kanakapura Road, but the government changed the location due to environmental factors, Deputy Chief Minister **Dr C N Ashwath Narayan** has said.

On Thursday, a few representatives from the Kannada film industry, led by Shivarajkumar, producer Srikanth and KGF co-producer Karthik, met Narayan to apprise him of the problems faced by the industry during the Covid-19 pandemic. Narayan later said the plan is to shift Film City to a 150-acre parcel of land in Hesaraghatta, part of 450 acres belonging to the Animal Husbandry Department.

"It is not feasible to construct Film City at Tataguni estate," he said, adding that a connecting road to Hesaraghatta is being built, and the foundation stone will be laid soon.

In the 1980s, the Hegde government had first announced Film City. This announcement was repeated in 2004, when SM Krishna was chief minister. Siddaramaiah, in 2017, had proposed setting up Film City in Mysuru and the same was announced in the state budget. In 2018, during the Congress-JDS coalition government, HD Kumaraswamy had announced shifting Film City to Ramanagara, his constituency. Later in 2019, when B S Yediyurappa took charge, he announced that Film City will be set up at Devika Rani Roerich's estate. This move was opposed by environmentalists as there is a reserve forest close by.

After 40 years, the proposal sticks to its original plan. Narayan said he will sort out issues facing people working in the cinema industry, with CM B S Yediyurappa. The unorganised sector working in the film industry will get benefits under the Labour Department. Many other issues – including more facilities for filmmakers, increase in subsidy amount, GST issues – will be discussed with the CM, the DyCM added.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
Invites application for the post of Functional Directors in Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (OMECL).

e-02: Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (OMECL), a State PSU, which was previously a 100% subsidiary of the Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd (OMC), is engaged in exploration & mining activities within Odisha. OMECL proposes to recruit dynamic and competent professionals for its upcoming mechanized opencast and underground mines in the metalliferous sector.

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) is seeking qualified and experienced candidates for the following post of Directors for Odisha Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (OMECL) in its corporate office located at Bhubaneswar in the Scale of Pay of Rs.1,35,100-2,16,800/- .The post carries DA, HRA, Medical allowance , perks and etc at par with an Officer of OMC in CGM in E-8 rank.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of post to be filed	Qualification
01	Director (Finance)	01	Degree with passing of the Final Examination of the ICAI/ ICWA/MBA with specialization in Finance with good academic record from a recognised University/Institution of repute.
02	Director (Geology)	01	Post Graduate in Geology/Applied Geology/M.Tech in\ Mineral Exploration with good academic record from a recognized University/Institution of repute.

Pay protection will be allowed to the deserving officers from the Central or State Governments/CPSEs/State PSUs.

Detailed requirement for the position along with the application format is available in the Public Enterprises Department, Government of Odisha website: **http://pe.odisha.gov.in**

Complete application in the prescribed format with enclosures and a passport size photograph should be sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt., Department of Public Enterprises, Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751001 by Speed post/Registered Post/e-mail (e-mail id: dpesec.or@nic.in) only to reach within 30 days from the date of publication of Advertisement. Envelope containing the application should be super-scribed as **"Application for the specific post of Director, OMECL."** Out station candidates appearing the interview will be provided Economic Class Air fare for to & fro journey on submission of original documents.

Principal Secretary to Govt.
Public Enterprises Department, Odisha Secretariat,
Bhubaneswar-751001,
e-mail id: dpesec.or@nic.in

OIPR 22001/11/0002/2021

POSSESSION NOTICE
[under rule -8(1)]
(for immovable property)

Whereas
The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Manipal Housing Finance Syndicate Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002 issued a demand notice dated 16/10/2018 calling upon the borrowers Sri Nitin Kumar Adka and Smt Roopa Adka to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 23,15,785/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Only) with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 12th day of August of the year 2020.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect to time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manipal Housing Finance Syndicate Limited for an amount of ₹ 23,15,785/- and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property
All that part and parcel of the building known as ECO Narasimha bearing No. 104 on the Ground Floor, having super built up area of 1200 sq.ft along with undivided share, right, title and interest of 341 sq.ft along with Terrace area of 148 sq.ft inclusive of proportional share of common area along with Car parking in the stilt Floor situated at No. 55, earlier Khatha No. 48/2, situated at Ist Cross,Ist Main Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasba Hobli, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru North Tq, Bengaluru and bounded by East: Property No. 54 and 79, West: Road, North: Property bearing No. 48 and 52 and South: Drain.

For MANIPAL HOUSING FINANCE SYNDICATE LIMITED
'MANIPAL HOUSE', MANIPAL- 576104
Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date : 12/08/2020
Place : Bengaluru

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ನಂ: ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ/74/05/2020-21/630 ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11-08-2020

ದರವಾರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಒಡೆತನದ ವಿವಿಧ ವಾಹನ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಟಯರ್ ವಿತ್ ಟ್ಯೂಬ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಗನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖೇನ ಪೂರೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಟಯರ್ ಅಳತೆಯ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರು/ಅಧಿಕೃತ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಗಾರರು/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರವನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತರು ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ ಮೂರು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : **hdmcswachhbharat@gmail.com** ಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HIMAJA REDDY HARENDRA REDDY,** R/o Flat No.410, Block-1, BSR Paradise, Bhoganahalli, Panathur Post, Near New Horizon Gurukul School, Bengaluru-560103 have changed my name as **SANNAPAREDDY HIMAJA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 13.08.2020 sworn before notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
For Change of Name of Widows of Deceased Soldiers and Change of Name of Wives of Veterans and Serving Soldiers) I, REKHA DEVI is legally wedded spouse of **JC 820267X, Rank: Sub, Name: RADHEY MOHAN SINGH,** presently R/at BMT Wing, CMP Centre and School, Bangalore-25, permanently residing at H.No. 592/38/123, Gopal Nagar Defence Colony, **PO:** Vrindavan Sect 6 C, **PS:** P G I, **District**, Lucknow, **State:** U.P. **Pin-226029, I have changed my name from REKHA DEVI to REKHA SINGH and my date of birth is** 01-07-1975 (First July Nineteen Seventy Five) vide affidavit dated 12.08.2020, before Notary G. Dayananda, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PAVITHRA PALVEENA, D/o. Philomen Raj, residing at No. 292, 1st Main Road, Royan Circle, Chamarajpete, Bangalore-560018, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) P.PAVITHRA BALVINA** vide affidavit dated 13/08/2020 sworn before Notary L.Shankaranarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMARAVATHI**, aged about 75 years, W/o. Rama Rao, resident of No. 554, 9th Main, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, have changed my name from **RAMA RAO AMARAVATHI** to **AMARAVATHI.** Vide affidavit dated 13.8.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIKHARA. S, D/o. Late Radha Krishnaiah. S and Mrs. Chandrakantha. S, Residing at No. 1648, East End A Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-69, have changed My Name to SHIKARA. S** vide AFFIDAVIT No. IN-KA98313069617188S, Date : 12-08-2020, Sworn before G. Dakshahini Advocate and Notary Public.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANNAMALLASWAMY,** son of Rudrayya swamy, aged about 44 years, residing at 89/1, 3rd Cross, Opposite MORE shopping Mall, near Benaniganahalli, Bus Stop, Nagavar Palya Main Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560093, state on behalf of minor son that I have changed my son name as **AYUSH C. VIRAKTHAMATH** (New Name), previously called **BHARGAV. C. VIRAKTHAMATH** (Old Name), as per his Janmakundali and Zodiac sign for all purposes . by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 13/08/2020 .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHANTHI PRADEEP, residing at Old No. 21, New No. 38, 5th B Cross, Sarakki Main Road, J.P.Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SHANTHA MANIVANNAN** vide affidavit dated 11/08/2020 sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. K.P. Sowmya Lakshmi**, W/o Sri. K.R. Pradeep Kumar, presently residing at No. 36/2, TF-02, 3rd Floor, 17th Main Road, Near Kashi Viswanatha Temple, Muneshwara Block, New Timber Yard Layout, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore - 560 026, have changed my name from **SOWMYA LAKSHMI G.** to **K.P. SOWMYA LAKSHMI.** Vide affidavit dated 13-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Umamaheshwara, S/o. Mr. Sundarappa M, aged 47 years, R/at Villa No.55, S L S Spencer, Opposite Agara Lake, Horamavu Agara Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru 560043, I have changed my name from **'UMAMAHESHWARA'** to **'UMAMAHESHWARA S'** Vide affidavit dated 13.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Indira S.S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHITRA HEMANT SAWANT, D/o CHANDRAKANTH V NAIK and W/o HEMANT SAWANT,** residing at -B-305, Parimala Skyview, SH 35, Kadugodi Colony, Prasanth Extension, Kadugodi, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560066, India, changed my name from CHITRA C NAIK to CHITRA HEMANT SAWANT vide affidavit dated 29.07.2020 sworn before notary M. S. SATISH at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **CHITRA HEMANT SAWANT** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PROGYAJYOTI MUKHERJEE**, S/o. Sourav Mukherjee, Permanently residing at Flat No. 406, Silver Woods Apartments, near Chamundi Towers, Garvebhavi Palya, Bangalore - 560 068, Karnataka, have changed my name from **PROGYAJYOTI SARKAR** to **PROGYAJYOTI MUKHERJEE.** Vide affidavit dated 12.08.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarnamala, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHARANYA REBBA,** age 39 years, D/o Sri Jayaram Balasubramaniyam Iyer, R/at No. 004, Skyline Apartment, No. 548/3, Langford Road, Langford Town, Bengaluru-560 025 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SHARANYA REBBA** and **SHARANYA IYER** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARANYA IYER** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th August 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(Old Name) MALETIRA CHINNAPPA POOVAMMA,** D/o. Maletira Muthanna Chinnappa, aged about 33 years, residing at No.402, Vasudha Raja Gruha Apartment, Mangammanapalya Main Road, Near Ujala Factory, Yellakunte Village, Hosapalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560068. shall heneforth be known as **(NEW NAME) ANU AIYAPPA** vide affidavit Dated: 13/08/2020 before Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bengaluru-560034.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) JAYRAJ R, S/o. Mr. Raju, resident of Flat No. 326, Pariwar Palace Apartments, Devarachikkanahalli Main Road, BTM 4th Stage, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SOLOMON JAYARAJ** vide affidavit dated 11/08/2020 sworn before Notary H.S.Dharma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R GOWRI W/o Murthy M, Aged about 32 years residing at #2076, Subramani Building, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, LBS Nagar, HAL (Post) Bangalore 560017. mother of **M GIFTON (Old Name)** do hereby state that my son's name has changedto **M GAUTHAM MURTHY (New Name)** vide affidavit dated 23.06.2020 sworn before advocate & Notary H.R. Katti, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is given to the General Public that, my client is going to sanction a Loan from my client's bank in favour of **Sri.Manjunath** S/o Govindaiah, Residing at Yarranapalya Grama, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, in respect to the schedule property mentioned here under, which was allotted to **Sri.Basappa** S/o Govindaiah, by way of Hakku Pathra in the year 1998-1999. **And as per the information from the borrower Sri.Manjunath** S/o Govindaiah **the above said** Original Hakku Pathra is lost or misplaced, hence if any person having any interest, right or any claim over the schedule property may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client shall proceed with the loan transaction as not claimed. **SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building constructed in Site bearing Khatha No.67/14, formed in Sy No.24, measuring towards East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet i.e., 40' X 30' Feet, situated at Yarranapalya Grama, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and Bounded on: East By: Tavarekere Gramada Gadi. West By: Road. North By: House belongs to Anjanamurthy. South By: Road.

MOHAMED AFROZE AHAMED
SHAMS US TABREZ. A Advocates & Legal Advisers, Opp. S.BI., M.G. Road, Tumkur 572101. Ph. No. 0816-2270735. Cell 94480 83535 / 98867 93535.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer. KBJNL NRBC Divn. No.6, Chikkahonnakuni, Tq Devadurga Dist Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-6/PB-3/TND/2020-21/ 279 DATED:10-08-2020.

SHORTERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6, Chikkahonnakuni Tq: Devadurga, Dist: Raichur invites percentage tenders in two covers system from Registered Contractors KPWD Class-1 & above for the works as detailed below. The tenderers are required to upload two separate covers, Cover-I containing technical bid with details as mentioned under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1, and cover-II containing financial bid of tender which will be opened only if the renderer is found to be qualified under clause 1.1 (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.kamataka.gov.in and submitted through electronic tender box).

2-covers work: Indent No.19924, amount Rs.57.28 Lkahs Special Repair Work
EMD should be in e-cash only (NSIC/MSME certificates are not admissible)
The details of events for the above works as per the notification is mentioned as below:-

1) The Contractors can have access to e-tendering documents from **12/08/2020 to 20/08/2020 from 10.00AM to 4.00Pm.**
2) Last Date of Receipt of the above Tenders is **20/08/2020 up to 4.00Pm.**
3) Technical Bid will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.6, Chikkahonakuni on **21/08/2020 @5.00 Pm. (If possible)**
4) Financial Bid will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.6, Chikkahonakuni on **27/08/2020 @ 11.00 Am.**

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact htt://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the under signed during office hours on working days.

Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6.
CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-58411.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(GERUSOPPA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT10309 Dated: 12.08.2020

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement Platform)

Bids in two covers are invited through e-Procurement Portal (website URL https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for the work of **"Repair and Strengthening of Penstock filling pipeline drawn from dam with Loctite Composite Repair system at Gerusoppa Power House"** from reputed/qualified bidders/Regular Manufacturer/Authorized Agency with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works including Supply of necessary materials to reputed Organizations/Company/Hydro generating Stations/Power Plants. Brief Bid Notification as well as Tender Documents can also be seen on website:**http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** EMD: **Rs.2,500/-.** Tender Processing fee: **As per e-Procurement portal.** Last date and time for Pre-Bid queries: **19.08.2020 up to 18.00 Hrs.** Pre-bid Meeting: **20.08.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date & Time for online submission of Tenders: **27.08.2020 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Date & Time of opening the Technical Bid (Part-I): **29.08.2020 at 17.30 Hrs.** Date & Time of opening the Financial Bid (Part-II): **31.08.2020 at 11.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (MM) GP, KPCL, Gerusoppa - 581 384, Honavara Tq., U.K. Dist. Telephone: 08387 - 268311, Fax No.08387 - 268350, E-mail: **eeegp2.kpcl@gmail.com / eemmgpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in** Mob: 9449598828 KPCL website : **www.karnatakapower.com** Contact: HP Helpdesk : +91-8046010000 + 91-8022631200

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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No.73, Shantharam Bestowal, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru -560 027,
Ph. No. 080-22114022/22114021,Email: sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c. No. HBL-54011158044/40463/12

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **14-01-2020** issued and also Newspaper Publication in Samyuktha Karnataka and New Indian Express on 09.06.2020 calling upon the borrower/s: **Sri. P.Srinivasa Aithal,** S/o Sri. P. Vasudev Aithal, & **Smt.Rekha Aithal,** W/o Sri P.Srinivasa Aithal, (Address for both) # 4, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Lakshmanappa Layout, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 085, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.6,63,932/-** (Rupees six lakhs sixty three thousand nine hundred thirty two only) as on 14.01.2020 with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **13-08-2020.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.7,24,780/-** (Rupees Seven lakhs twenty four thousand seven hundred eighty only) as on 11.08.2020 and interest + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVBLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.8, Khata No. 23, Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet with Building structure thereon standing in the name of Shri P. Srinivasa Aithal and Smt. Rekha Aithal and bounded : **East :** Property No. 9 , **West :** Property No. 7, **North :** Road, **South :** Property No. 15.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 13.08.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC Lalbagh, Bengaluru

Form No. 3 [See Regulation 1 (a)]

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, KARNATAKA
No. 4, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore-560 025

O.A. No. 854 of 2019

In the matter of :
UNION BANK OF INDIA, Hennur Branch ...**Applicant**

Versus

Chaparala Venkata Sravana, S/o. Poornachandra Rao, Aged 28 years, No. 9, III Main, I Cross, Left side - Near Mangalore Lunch Home, Brundavan Nagar, Tavarekere Main Road, Bangalore - 560 029. PAN No AWKPC2514P
Also at : No. 41, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, BK Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560 022. ...**Defendant**

Summons Under Rule 23 (Viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993 to Defendant through Paper Publication

Whereas the Applicant Bank has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Financial Institution Act 1993, against you for the sum of recovery of **Rs.10,50,234.52 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and thirty Four and Fifty Two Paise)** along with future interest and costs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement / objections before this Tribunal **at 10.30 A.M.** or such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of tribunal **on 09.11.2020** to answer the claim.

2. If intended to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with written statement.
3. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearances before the tribunal in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.
4. Take notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 5th day of August 2020.

Signature of the Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Sri SREERAMA REDDY,** S/o.Sri.Muniswamy Reddy, **Smt. SAROJA,** W/o.Sri.Sreerama Reddy, are desirous to sell the under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office at No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, within 15 days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Property bearing **New BBMP Katha No.528, PID No.57-156-528, BDA Site No.528, formed by BDA, situated at 8th Cross Road, 3rd phase extension JP Nagar, Sarakki, Bangalore , measuring East to West 45 ft & North to South (56 + 56.3)/2 ft,** and bounded on :

East by : Site No.527
West by : Site No.529
North by : Road
South by : Site No.548

Including residential building thereon.

M.S. MANJUNATH, Advocate,
MS ASSOCIATES
No.F-4, First floor, BASCO COMPLEX, Gandhibazaar Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-04.
Ph:080-26673086/ 9845025702.
Mail id: ms26673086@gmail.com
Bangalore. Date: 13/08/2020

Can Fin Homes Ltd

No. 69, (Old No 35), 12th Main, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560011
Ph: 080-26630776/26630501/26654305,
Mob: 7625079101/9900182569
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

JAYANAGAR BRANCH

APPENDIX- IV-A
[PROVISO TO RULE 9(1)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd Jayanagar Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **03-09-2020** for recovery of **Rs.52,68,862/-** (Rupees Fifty two lakhs sixty eight thousand eight hundred and sixty two only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Shamsundar K and Mrs.Prabhamani Nuggehalli Shamanna** (Borrowers) and **Mr. Kemparaju B** (Guarantor) as on 01-12-2018 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.38,26,000/-** (Rupees Thirty eight lakhs twenty six thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,82,600/-** (Rupees Three lakhs eighty two thousand six hundred only).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that Piece and parcel of the Vacant property Site bearing No.09, (formed out of land bearing Sy.No.16/4,measuring 01 Acre 02 Guntas including 3 Guntas of Kharab and land bearing Sy No. 16/5,measuring 0.33 Guntas and land bearing Sy No.21/2, measuring 01 Acre 32 Guntas, Totally measuring 3 Acres 27 Guntas, Situated at Ramasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Conversion Order/official Memorandum dated 16/07/1997 vide No.DS/ALN/SR(N) 2/ 97-98, Issued by the deputy Commissioner Bangalore) now comes within limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 36.6 feet, north to south 37.45 feet, total measuring 1364 Sq. ft, and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: 30 feet Road, South by: Park, North by: Site No.08.
Encumbrances: NIL

The detailed terms and condition of sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Date: 13.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri. Sathyamoorthy.K, S/o Sri Krishnaswamy Naidu, residing at No. 43, 9th E Cross, Lakshman Nagar, Hegganahalli Cross, Bangalore- 560091, has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 21/01/2011, registered as document No. NMG-1-05581/2011-12, in the office of Sub Registrar Nelamangala, near Summanahalli Junction, Magadi Road, Bangalore City, on 10/08/2020.

Notice is hereby given to all the general public that whoever finds the above mentioned Original Document, may kindly inform/contact the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After the said period, my client will treat the above said Original Documents as lost permanently and will take further steps in accordance with law as he deem fit.

This publication is made based on the complaint/Lost report ref. 096353/2020, dated 10/08/2020 filed before the Bangalore City Police.

G.H. Channaganagaiah, Advocate
196, 6th Main, Pipe Line Road, Srinivasanagara, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091.
Mob.: 94480 23171, 85532 35289

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to General public at large our client intends to purchase and enter into proposed transaction from **Mr. RUPEN PATEL** and others in respect of the residentially converted immoveable properties as shown in the schedule mentioned below which are more fully described in the schedule. It is further call upon the General Public any person or persons having right, title, interest or ownership or claim over the schedule properties or part of it in any manner or having any objections for the proposed transaction in favour of our client may kindly to submit the written submissions along with supporting documents if any to the undersigned evidencing to show how the objector or any person/s having acquired any right or claim over the schedule properties within 10 days from the date of this public notice. Failing which our client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction without further enquiry and further and after the time specified in this notice for written submission with documentary evidence not received then any claim may raised by any person shall be not considered and our client is not responsible for any such claim.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immoveable converted residential properties bearing 1) Sy. No.78/A 0-30 guntas, 2) Sy. No. 78/B 1 acre 14 guntas, 3) Sy.No.79/A 0-24½ guntas, 4) Sy. No.82 0-34 ½ guntas, 5) Sy. No.77 1 acre-23 guntas, 6) 84/B 0-20 guntas, 7) Sy. No.81/B 0-22 guntas, 8) Sy. No. 80/B 0-27 guntas, 9) Sy. No.81/ A 0-23 guntas. 10) Sy. No. 80/A 0-27 guntas, 11) Sy. No.84/A 1 acre 0-9 guntas, 12) Sy. No. 85/A 0-7.05 guntas, 13) Sy. No. 86/A and 86/B 0-12.95 guntas are situated at Kubena Agrahara village and other adjacent lands which belongs to **Rupen Patel** and 14) Sy. No. 87/1p 10-14 guntas, 15) Sy.No. 90 0-6 guntas 16) Sy. No. 85/p1 2 acres 6 guntas, 17) Sy. No. 86/p1 0-32 guntas and adjacent lands which belongs to Rupen Patel are situated at Belathur village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East taluk.

H.S. RAMAMURTHY, Advocate
H.S. RAMAMURTHY & ASSOCIATES
No. 27/31, Opp. 10th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore.

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Phones : 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Website : www.pnbhousing.com

BRANCH ADDRESS :- Property bearing No. 05, Mathushree Arcade, 100 Ft Ring Road, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore 560076, E-Mail: bangalore@pnbhousing.com, website:- www.pnbhousing.com

APPENDIX -IV-A

PUBLIC NOTICE-E-AUCTION CUM SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction-Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) & guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column No.-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken (as described in Column No. - C) by the authorized Officer of M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNB HFL)/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** as per the details mentioned below.

Notice is hereby given to borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Heirs, Legal Representative, (whether Known or Unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagor(s)(since deceased) as the case may be indicated in Column No. - A under Rule-8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s. PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL), **secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com.**

Loan No. / Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s)/ Legal heirs (A)	Demanded Amount & Date (B)	Nature of Possession (C)	Description of the Properties Mortgaged (D)	Reserve Price (RP) (E)	EMD (10% of RP) (F)	Last Date of Submission of Bid (G)	Bid Incremental Rate (H)	Inspection Date & Time (I)	Date of Auction & Time (J)	Known Encumbrances/ Court Case, if any, (K)
1). NHL/MLS/0916/316806 Mr. Abdul Jameel & Ms. Syed Samiunnisa	05/01/2018 Rs. 2,58,39,309/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nine Only)	(Physical)	Flat No. G-10 'C' Block On The Ground Floor, Flat No.102 'B' Block On The First Floor, No. G-8 'C' Block On The Ground Floor, Flat No.107 'B' Block On The First Floor, Flat No.104 'B' Block On The First Floor, Flat No. 204 'C' Block On The Second Floor, No.308 'B' Block On The Third Floor, No.209 'B' Block On The Second Floor Of The Multi-Storied Building Known As 'Pruthvi Royal' Constructed And Erected On Land Bearing Sy. No.43 (vide order No. ALN (S.U) SR174/2010-11 dated 03.05.2011), BBMP Khata No. 220/43, **Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP Ward No. 192 bounded East by:** Re-Sy No. 61, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Sy. No. 44 & Road, **South by:** Sy Nos. 42 & 130 (Himagiri Properties)	Rs. 3,01,88,000/- (Rupees Three Crore One Lakh Eighty-Eight Thousand Only)	Rs. 30,18,800/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	15-09-2020	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)	11.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 05.00 P.M.	18.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 02.30 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
2). HOU/BAN/0217/351876 Mr. Thanveer Ahmed & Ms. Amrin Khanum	17/05/2018 Rs. 23,29,943.97 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three and Ninety Seven Paisa Only)	(Physical)	All That Piece and Parcel of Site No. 135 (Formed in Sy. No. 106,107 And 110 Of Tumkur Amanikere Village), Bearing Present Tumkur City Corporation Katha No. 4513, PID No. 90721, **measuring East-West:** 72.5 feet and **North-South:** 40 feet, situated in Ward No. 10, Melekote Extension, Tumkur City, **Bounded East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.136, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 134	Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakh Only)	Rs. 2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)	15-09-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	11.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 05.00 P.M.	18.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 02.30 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known
3). NHL/BAN/0416/283274 Mr. Vinayaka Keshav Bhandari & Mrs. Sumithra Keshav Bhandari & Mrs. Seema Keshav Bhandari & Mr. Keshav Rama Bhandari.	21.08.2017 Rs. 43,34,494/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakh Thirty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four only)	(Physical)	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing No. 1682, Municipal No. 21, PID No. 39-98-21, Ward No. 39, Situated At Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Nagarbhavi Khata No. 1551, Half Portion Of The West Bangalore, Nagarbhavi, 3rd "A" Cross, **Bangalore - 560072, Measuring East To West:** 15 Feet, **North To South:** 40 Feet, Totally **Measuring 600 Square Feet,** Along With RCC Roofing Five Square Feet House With Brick And Cement Wall, Red Oxide Floor, Greek Wood Doors And Windows, Electricity Supply, Water Supply And Drainage Facilities And **Property Bounded On The: East By:** Property Belonging To Shri. Basavaraj, **West By:** Private Property, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Private Property	Rs. 43,00,000/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakh only)	Rs. 4,30,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)	15-09-2020	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	11.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 05.00 P.M.	18.09.2020 11:00 A.M. To 02.30 P.M.	**Nil/Not Known

***Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred upto the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/ claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the Column No.- K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances.**

1. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHFL/the authorized Officer of PNBHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
2. The prospective purchaser/bidder and interested parties may independently take the inspection of the pleading in the proceedings/orders passed etc. if any, stated in Column No. -K. Including but not limited to the title of the documents of the title pertaining thereto available with the PNBHFL and satisfy themselves in all respects prior to submitting tender/bid application form or making Offer(s).
3. **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited** would be assisting the authorized Officer in conducting sale through an E-Auction in the web portal (https:\\DisposalHub.com). For any assistance related to inspection of the property or obtaining the bid documents and for any other query or to registration, you have to co-ordinate with the Client Service Delivery (CSD) department mobile no. +91 97100 29933, +91 98100 29926, telephone no. +91 124 4 233 933, having its corporate office at **NexXen Solutions Private Limited,** 2nd Floor, Shree Shyam Palace, Sector: 4&5 Crossing, Railway Road, Gurugram - 122006 **or Mr. Naveen P, Mob No. 9108344777 or Mr. Saju KV Mob No. 6366756737 or Mr. Iqbal Alam, Mobile No- 9958195453 authorized person of PNBHFL or refer www.pnbhousing.com.**

Place : BANGALORE
Date : 13-08-2020

Sd/- Authorized Officer
PNB Housing Finance Limited

AXIS BANK

#45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027, Landmark - Above Passport Seva Kendra)
Corporate Office:-, "Axis House", C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai – 400025
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad – 380006

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is" , "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 15-Sep-2020** for recovery of the below mentioned amounts due to Axis Bank Ltd. from the below mentioned borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned herein below.

For recovery of	Name of the Borrower and name of the Guarantor	Location / Details of the Immovable Property/ Secured Assets possessed and put for sale	Encumbrances, if any known to the Bank.	Reserve Price. / EMD
Rs.83,91,059.00/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakh Ninety one thousand and fifty nine only) under Loan A/c No. **PHR000902982329** due as on **24.06.2019,** along with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred up to the date of actual payment and/or realization.	1. **Mr. Sunil Kodenkiri Arpitha** 56 2nd Main Maruthi Nagar Kothanur JP Nagar 7th Phase Bangalore – 560078. **Also At:** #25 3rd Cross 2nd Floor Naidu Lyt Near Krishna Water Supply Bangalore 560097. **Also At:** Dell International Services India P No 65 2 Bagmane Parin Bagmane Tr Ch Park Bairasndra Main Road C V Raman Nagar Bangalore 560093. **Also At:** Flat No 103 First Floor In C Block Project On N D Passion Elite Khatha No 5 Sy No 87/1 87/2 88/2 Kudlu Village Sarja Bangalore-562106. **2. Prabhavathi K S Arpitha** 56 2nd Main Maruthi Nagar Kothanur JP Nagar 7th Phase Bangalore – 560078. **Also At:** House No 2-4/3 Koden Keri House Sulya Taluk D.k District Sulya-574239. **Also At:** Flat No 103 First Floor In C Block Project On N D Passion Elite Khatha No 5 Sy No 87/1 87/2 88/2 Kudlu Village Sarja Bangalore-562106	Schedule of immovable property: **Schedule - I** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing the portion of the land measuring 1,23,057 Sq.Ft, out of the entire project land comprising in item No 1 to 3 of Schedule A- property herein above viz i) Sy. No 87/1 measuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas ii) Sy. No 87/2 measuring 39 Guntas iii) Sy. No 87/2 measuring 18 Guntas, situated in kudlu village, sarjapura Hobil, Anekal Taluk (Totally measuring 2 acres 33 guntas or 1, 23,057 Sq.ft) and bounded as follows: East by : Land Sy.No. 88/1 West by :Road North by: Road South by : Sy No 87/1 & 88/2 **Schedule II:** 626 Sq ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A". **Schedule III:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 103 totally measuring a super built of area of 2020 Sq.Ft Type 5 situated in 1st Floor in "C" block consisting of Three bed rooms in ND Passion Elite Apartment, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages staircase etc.. In the multistoried residential building known as "N.D PASSION ELITE" constructed over Schedule "A" property.	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance , Tax etc. if any, as applicable	Reserve Price. Rs. 82,23,460/- EMD Rs. 8,22,346/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail

Date : 13.08.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

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SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provisio to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is here by given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **15.02.2019,** will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on **10.09.2020** for recovery of **₹ 34,81,533.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only) under Term Loan A/c No.5597001600016201** along with future interest from 19.09.2019, **plus costs,** due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd, Bengaluru Naganathapura Branch,** the Secured creditor from - **(1) Mr. Suresh Babu T, S/o Mr. Thanakappan, (2) Mrs. Reji Suresh, W/o Mr. Suresh Babu T, Both are addressed at:** No.2039, Basaveshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Pipeline Road, Prashanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560057, being the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors.

Reserve Price/Upset Price below which the property may not be sold: ₹ 28,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only)

Description of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money deposit	Date & Time of Auction
All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat No.102,** on the first floor, in the building known as **"Friends Enclave Apartment",** measuring super built up area of 1000 Sq.ft, UDS of 311 Sq.ft, along with one car parking, constructed on land bearing Site No.944 & 965, amalgamated BBMP Khata No.368, carved out of Sy.No.13, 14/1, 14/2 in the layout formed by Athmeeya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Ltd., Situated at 11th Main, Between 2nd & 3rd Cross, AGB Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Chikkasandra, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru, belonging to Mr.Suresh Babu T. **Boundaries of Land (Actual): East by:** 3rd Cross Road, **West by :** 2nd Cross Road, **North by:** Vacant Site and Residential Building, **South by:** 11th Main Road. **Boundaries of Flat: East by:** Flat No.103, **West by:** Flat No.101, **North by:** Stair Case, **South by:** Open Space.	**₹ 28,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only)**	**₹ 2,80,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)**	**10.09.2020 from 10.30 A.M to 10.50 A.M**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie.,www.karnatakabank.com under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on **10.09.2020** from **10:30 AM to 10:50 AM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.The intending bidder/s are required to register their name at https:// bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e *online training on E-auction (tentatively on 09.09.2020)* from M/s 4 Closure, Mr.Sreekanth B (Asst.Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp: Indian Hotel, K.G.Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560010 Mobile No:9515160061, E-mail: sreekanth@bankauctions.in

Date: 13.08.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-For Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LIMITED

Registered Office: Muthoottu Buildings, Market Road, Kozhencherry, Pathanamthitta, Kerala - 689 641

CIN: U65910KL1998PLC012154 GSTIN: 33AABCM5994M1ZY

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company, which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices, will be auctioned at the concerned branches on 01.09.2020 at 10 AM.

ANEKAL TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, ANEKAL ROAD, NEAR KPTCL OFFICE, CHANDAPURA CIRCLE, BANGALORE - 560081. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-ATHEBELE: 3175, 3198, 3319, 3384, 3718. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 14985, 15333, 15372, 15573, 15785, 15814, 15824, 15832, 15957, 15976, 15987, 16010, 16024, 16737.KAR-MUTHANALLUR: 4593, 4704, 4710, 4883, 4892, 4894.

HOSAKOTE TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD., 1/1, 1st FLOOR, K R ROAD, J C CIRCLE, HOSAKOTE, BANGALORE - 562114. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 10763, 10771, 10788, 10806, 10841, 10880, 10911, 10922, 10928, 10940, 10964, 10967, 10972, 10974, 11027, 11028, 11055, 11087, 11092, 11107, 11171, 11183, 11199, 11205, 11301, 11304, 11364, 11365, 11384, 11385, 11401, 11428, 11429, 11431, 11484, 11500, 12104.

RAMANAGARA TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD., ABR TOWER, 2nd FLOOR, B M ROAD, OPP. KSRTC BUS STAND, RAMANAGARA - 562159. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-BIDADI: 8827, 8828, 9201, 9878, 9924, 9934, 9961, 9962, 10086, 10280, 10281, 10304, 10329, 10409, 11218. KAR-RAMANAGARA: 6191, 6217, 6295, 6298, 6299, 6321, 6682.

BANGALORE NORTH TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, NO. 8/14, S M ROAD, NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE, JALAHALLI WEST, BANGALORE - 560015. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-A D HALLI: 7567.KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 6319, 6647, 6863, 6880, 6982, 7006, 7088. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 7215, 7389, 7523. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 6981, 7080, 7153, 7161, 7178, 7253, 7310. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 8890, 8946, 8998, 9070, 9099, 9110, 9112. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 6622, 6627, 6903, 6938, 6963. KAR-HENNUR: 10531, 10570, 10575, 10597, 10622, 10737, 10813, 10819, 10882, 10941, 10983, 11027, 11040, 11101, 11106. KAR-JALAHALLI: 8452, 8512, 9410, 9447, 9660, 9883, 9911, 9912, 9913, 10030, 10175, 10260, 10275, 10312, 10343. KAR-K.R PURAM: 10063, 10373, 10423, 10441, 10460, 10462, 10464, 10503, 10504, 10505, 10507, 10614, 10625, 10692, 10703, 10727, 10728, 10730, 10734, 10735, 10745, 10749. KAR-KAGGADASAPURA: 30026615, 30026630, 30026735, 30026747, 30026800. KAR-KAMMANAHALLI: 6706, 6863, 6871, 7266. KAR-KOTHANNUR: 14090, 14096, 14101, 14107, 14169, 14182, 14293, 14308, 14326, 14334, 14358, 14372, 14382, 14424, 14442, 14463, 14468, 14498, 14523, 14530, 14531, 14539, 14573. KAR-LINGARAJAPURAM: 4524, 4583, 4604, 4612, 4656, 4712, 4720, 4722, 4731, 4770, 4771. KAR-MALLESHWARAM: 4936, 4960, 4972, 5220, 5233, 5560. KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR: 10184, 10331, 10340, 10464, 10480, 10481, 10502, 10624, 10626, 10706, 10716. KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR: 6411, 6693, 6889, 6964, 7015, 7114, 7121, 7126. KAR-MATHIKERE: 10131, 10337, 10338, 10373, 10374, 10422, 10423, 10437, 10575, 10601, 11197. KAR-NAGARABHAVI: 5689, 5862, 5897, 6024, 6083. KAR-PEENYA: 1073772, 1073843, 1074052, 1074057, 1074078, 1074241, 1074290. KAR-RAJAJINAGAR: 7854, 7856, 7857, 7858, 7926, 7950, 7951, 7952, 7953, 7966, 7983, 8019, 8167. KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR: 9764, 9878, 9962, 9965, 10003, 10068, 10078. KAR-RT NAGAR: 10438, 10457, 10465, 10547, 10597, 10626, 10636, 10653, 10670, 10739, 10927, 10937, 10960, 11365. KAR-SANJAY NAGAR: 4322, 4339, 4457, 4477, 4492, 4493, 4520, 4548, 4820, 4950. KAR-SUMANAHALLI: 55928, 55948, 56001, 56002, 56054, 56271, 56277, 56301. KAR-SUNKADAKATTE: 12396, 12462, 12595, 12742, 12833, 12891, 12907, 12910, 12915, 13015, 13090. KAR-T.C.PALYA: 5905, 6004, 6145, 6160, 6173, 6286, 6289, 6290, 6302, 6339, 6340, 6341, 6342, 6346, 6363, 6367, 6435, 6466, 6953. KAR-THANISANDRA: 6002, 6011, 6012, 6029, 6083, 6139, 6144, 6151, 6191, 6192. KAR-THIPPASANDRA: 23997, 24156, 24197, 24200, 24225, 24226, 24227, 24264, 24454, 24470, 24568, 24572, 24583, 24604, 24614, 24619, 24630, 25260. KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA: 5230, 5376, 5541. KAR-VIJAYNAGAR: 5971, 6078, 6085, 6091, 6108, 6143, 6171, 6235, 6243, 6265, 6268, 6301, 6302, 6323, 6342, 6350. KAR-YESHWANTHPUR: 98608417, 98608562, 98608656.

BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD., NO.658/57, 33RD CROSS, 11TH MAIN, 4TH BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BANGALORE - 560011. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-BANASHANKARI: 3096, 3622, 3763. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 12734, 12738, 12774, 12775, 12778, 12805, 12815, 12882, 13036, 13041, 13056, 13084. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 6382, 6627. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 5847, 5937, 5990, 6052, 6161, 6171, 6176, 6219, 6245. KAR-HOSA ROAD: 20241, 20380, 20388, 20416, 20513, 20542, 20639, 20682, 20735, 20736, 20763, 20769, 20799, 20800, 20878, 20967, 20987, 21010, 21012, 21015, 21029. KAR-HSR LAYOUT: 14543, 14545, 14669, 14707, 14724, 14726, 14733, 14823, 14825, 14833, 14840, 14841, 14849, 14864, 14873, 14875, 14884, 14937, 15058, 15060, 15072, 15126, 15129, 15130, 15254, 15263, 15274, 15292, 15295, 15308, 15318, 15356, 15422, 15452, 15453. KAR-JAYANAGAR: 7488, 7534. KAR-JP NAGAR: 13441, 13487, 13567, 13632, 13673, 13677, 13691, 13766, 13797, 13842, 13861, 13924, 13929, 13946, 13949, 13950. KAR-KENGERI: 4876, 4877, 4947, 4963, 4976, 5052. KAR-KORAMANGALA: 3126, 3148, 3160, 3169, 3176, 3179, 3181, 3182, 3214. KAR-KUMBALGODU: 8570, 8806, 8808, 8812, 8928, 8988, 8996. KAR-LALBAGH: 10680. KAR-M.S.PALYA: 5948, 6005, 6019, 6226, 6282, 6286, 6465, 6867. KAR-MARATHAHALLI: 7244, 7268, 7303, 7397, 7428. KAR-MOODALAPALYA: 6027, 6068, 6202, 6581. KAR-SARJAPUR ROAD: 9867, 9965, 10044, 10048, 10074, 10106, 10182, 10287, 10684. KAR-SRINAGAR: 6127. KAR-UTTARAHALLI: 314712. KAR-WILSON GARDEN: 5174, 5179, 5192, 5199, 5213, 5221, 5222.

BHADRAVATHI TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, C N ROAD, BEHIND GOVT. HOSPITAL, NEAR RANGAPPA CIRCLE, BHADRAVATHI - 577301. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-BHADRAVATHI: 4233, 4324, 4353, 4383, 4442, 4531, 4536, 4572, 4577, 4586, 4622, 4623.

SAGAR TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, BHAIRU COMPLEX, 1st FLOOR, OPP. AXIS BANK, ASHOK ROAD, SAGARA, SHIVAMOGA - 577401. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-SAGARA: 4574, 4661, 4662, 4733, 4753.

SHIMOGA TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 18/2,T G R BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, BH ROAD, VIDHYANAGARA, SHIMOGA - 577203. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-VIDYANAGAR: 5618, 5781, 6191, 6255, 6284, 6287, 6430, 6500, 6540, 6558, 6635, 6672, 6674, 6702, 6751, 6766, 6767, 6779, 6819, 6882, 6887, 6930, 6940, 6945, 6995, 6998. KAR-VINOBHANAGAR: 3752, 3771, 3776, 3791, 3802, 3843, 3848, 3891, 3901, 3915, 3974, 3990, 4013, 4014, 4640.

CHITRADURGA TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, SHUVARNA COMPLEX, V G TEXTILES,NEAR LAKSHMI BAZAR, CHITHRADURGA - 577501. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-CHITRADURGA: 3855, 3905, 3906, 3931, 4012, 4027, 4043, 4102, 4130, 4133, 4138, 4142, 4152, 4199.

DAVANAGERE TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, SRI KOTTERESWARA COMPLEX, 1ST CROSS, ASHOK ROAD, DHAVANAGERE - 577002. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-DAVANAGERE: 4815, 4818, 5173, 5238, 5277, 5329, 5352, 5469, 5543, 5556.

HOLALKERE TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD; ANJANADRI NILAYA, ABOVE A N J AGENCIES, CANARA BANK ROAD, HOLELKERE - 577526. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-HOLALKERE: 8925, 9063, 9066, 9108, 9123, 9134, 9137, 9163, 9169, 9191, 9192, 9205, 9211, 9216, 9219, 9234, 9246, 9275, 9310, 9317, 9323, 9347, 9388, 9420, 9439, 9453, 9484, 9495, 9499, 9519, 9533, 9544, 9545, 9553, 9564, 9571, 9575, 9582, 9685, 9748, 9766, 9795, 9798, 9800, 9823, 9833, 9840, 9848, 9860, 9901, 9935, 9964, 9965, 9972, 9974, 10975, 10976, 10978, 10986, 10987.

KORATAGERE TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD,1st FLOOR, OPP. SRI RANGANATHA SERVICE STATION, MAIN ROAD KORATAGERE - 572129. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-KORATEGERE: 7065, 7165, 7175, 7268, 7409, 7416, 7567, 7575.

MADHUGIRI TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, 1st FLOOR, TVV CIRCLE, OPP. BHARAT PETROLEUM BUNK, MADHUGIRI - 572132. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-MADHUGIRI: 7035, 7292, 7353, 7561, 7571, 7636, 7648, 7691.

TUMKUR TALUK AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD, TOWN POLICE STATION ROAD, OPP STATE BANK OF MYSORE, MANDIPET CIRCLE, TUMKUR - 572101. AUCTION DATE : 14.09.2020
KAR-KUNIGAL: 4784, 4787, 4923, 4938, 5036. KAR-MANDIPET: 3922, 4263. KAR-SIRA: 7559, 7748, 7797, 7910, 8031.

In case we are unable to conduct the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shriram Automal India Ltd., (SAMIL) on their online auction platform https://gold.samil.in on 14.09.2020 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM for recovering the outstanding amount. In case the auction process is not completed on 14.09.2020, the same will be continued on the subsequent days on the same terms and conditions without any further notice.

For further information, Terms and Conditions and getting registered to participate in auction, interested buyers may login to the website or contact the auction portal.

Place: Kozhenchery,
Date: 14/08/2020.

Authorised Officer,
Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL).

With the Karnataka High Court declining to interfere in the final semester exams schedule of Visvesvaraya Technological University, the examination for engineering courses of the varsity will be held from August 24, as per schedule.

Kerala expects cases to peak in Sept

Covid-19: Health minister says daily cases could be between 10,000 and 20,000

DILEEP V KUMAR @ T'Puram

Kerala reported 1,000-plus Covid-19 cases for the 10th consecutive day and the highest single-day spike on Thursday with 1,564 more people testing positive. Things could get worse with a Health Department assessment saying Covid-19 cases could spike in September. The department also expects five districts --- Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Malappuram and Kannur --- to have the biggest caseload. The test positivity rate in these districts is currently above five per cent.

To prepare for the worst-case scenario, the Health Department has already sought the technical advice and expertise of agencies including the World Health Organisation's Country Office for India (WCO). Efforts are also on to mobilise manpower under the banner of Covid Brigade.

"A peak is inevitable, it seems. World over, the infection had peaked at some point of time, then it plateaued and showed signs of flattening later. The projections had pointed to such a scenario in case of Kerala as well," said a Health Department official.

Corroborating the same, Health Minister K K Shailaja said on Thursday that the government has received an expert opinion that cases will start to spike in September. The minister said the state can expect 10,000-20,000 cases daily. She added that efforts are on to deal with it.

The WCO stated in its situation report that it has started to help the state machinery in aspects like epidemiological assessment, surveillance, testing, case management and its containment, as well as research activities for Covid-19 at the state and district levels. In addition, the WCO will assist in the management of patients' admission and bed/ICU availability in the high-burden districts.

"Since the first case was reported on January 30, the WCO has been helping the state by providing technical assistance in managing the pandemic effectively. The office has become part of the newly set-up district programme management," added the officer.

Cases drop in Chennai

Chennai: with the State capital showing significant improvement in its battle against Covid, reporting less than 1,000 cases a day for about a week now, the authorities have started closing down a few Covid care centres here. On Thursday, a care centre at Anna University, a referral unit for Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, was closed down.

MONSOON BOON

Following heavy rainfall, water level has increased at Kuruchi lake in Coimbatore, attracting migratory birds like the Painted Stork | EXPRESS

3 held for minor's rape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

A day after a 14-year-old girl, who was raped for several months at a child care home, died at Niloufer Hospital, the Sangareddy district police registered a case of murder and one under the SC and ST Atrocities (Prevention) Act on Thursday. The police also arrested three persons -- Venugopal Reddy, Vijaya and Jaideep.

A high-power committee, constituted by the Women and Child Welfare Department, also met earlier in the day and inquired into the case.

The girl was raped for months together at Maruthi Home, an NGO for child care at Ameenpur, and later assaulted by her uncle. Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Patancheru R Rajeshwar Rao told *TNIE* that they had prima facie evidence against the accused to the effect that she was molested and beaten. "The cause of death will be known only after we receive the post-mortem report.

While multiple-organ failure was found to have caused her death, a post-mortem examination would ascertain if the organ failure was due to the repeated sexual assault at the home in Ameenpur or the injuries from the assault by her relatives during her stay with them.

Inquiries revealed that Maruthi Home was registered with the government about a decade ago and started functioning in 2015.

Venugopal, who is accused of raping the girl at the home, works for a pharma company. He was one of the main donors to the home and a frequent visitor. Home organiser Vijaya and her brother Jayadeep used to send the girl into a room where Venugopal would stay every time he visited. He used to allegedly rape her after giving her a drink laced with a soporific drug.

Minister inaugurates IISc-HAL skill centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday inaugurated a skill development centre, set up through a collaboration between HAL and IISc, at IISc's Challakere campus in Chitradurga. The centre, which can train 1,000 people annualy, will impart high-end skills in manufacturing, including in the aerospace sector.

The centre is located on 1,500 acres of land provided by the state government during IISc's centenary year celebrations. National R&D institutions such as the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and the Indian Space Research Organisation are located in the area, which is being developed as part of a science and technology city.

"The centre is a natural outgrowth of a successful training programme for rural science and mathematics teachers that IISc initiated in 2011 at the Challakere campus. So far, 13,500 teachers have been trained under the programme. It has been expanded to also include college teachers, under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching," a communiqué from IISc said.

EXPRESS READ

Protest over SDPI flag on saint's statue

Shivamogga: Following an SDPI flag being found on the statue of Advaita philosopher Shankaracharya in Sringeri town in Chikkamagaluru district, the saint's followers, led by former MLA D N Jeevaraj, staged a protest and demanded that the culprits be arrested immediately. Police visited the spot and assured them that the culprits will be nabbed soon. Jeevaraj alleged that the SDPI was behind the incident. BJP MP Shobha Karandlaje tweeted, "Intolerance of SDPI is touching peak! Anti-social elements are inciting people to propagate their sinister agendas. I condemn the incident... serious action will be taken against those who are behind this incident!"

FAMILICIDE ATTEMPT

Youth poisons family with laced ice-cream to take over property, sister dies

GEORGE POIKAYIL @Kasaragod

VELLARIKUNDU police on Thursday arrested Albin Benny, 22, an automobile mechanic, for the murder of his 16-year-old sister Ann Mary, an attempt to murder his parents Benny Olikkal and Bessy.

The murder of Ann Mary was ruthless and equally diabolic, said inspector K Premsadan, station house officer of Vellarikundu, who investigated the case. Albin tried to eliminate his parents and sister -- residents of Arinkallu in Balal panchayat -- to usurp the family property, said the officer. "If everything went as per Albin's plot, he had planned to pass off the three murders as suicide," he said. But not everything went as per his 'much-rehearsed plan', the inspector said.

According to police, on July 30, Albin asked his mother Bessy and sister Ann Mary to make him ice-cream. Ann Mary decided to whip a bourbon ice-cream and bought the ingredients from a bakery. The mother and daughter made two buckets of ice creams -- one was placed in the freezer and the second was kept in the fridge. By evening, all the four members of the family had the ice cream.

That night, the inspector said, Albin, emptied half a tube of Ratol paste into the ice-cream bucket placed below in the fridge.

On July 31 morning, Ann Mary mixed the ice-cream in both the buckets and placed it in the fridge. "That evening the father and daughter had it but Albin excused himself saying he had throat pain," said the officer.

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HUBBALLI DHARWAD SMART CITY LIMITED
Special Purpose Vehicle for Implimentation of Smart City Project
(Registered Company No. CIN : U74999KA2017 PLC 101265)

No: HDSCL/SCP Tender/MD/2020-21 Date : 13.08.2020

Short Term E-Tender Notification on Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Project

Advt. No. 10/2020-21 Date : 13-08-2020

(1) The Managing Director, Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Ltd (HDSCL) invites the bid from eligible bidders through E-procurement under Karnataka Public Procurement & Transparency Act 1999-2000. (2) The bidders have to participate through online procurement only. The website for "ONLINE BIDDING" is http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (3) All the bid documents can be seen and obtained from website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (4) All the payments to be made through E-Procurement only. (5) Tender documents will be available for bidding on above website. (6) Other details can be seen in the bid documents. (7) Any information on Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can be seen in the said website. (8) For further details please contact General Manager (Tech.), Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited, Hubballi during the Office hours on Telephone No: 0836-2355331 and 2355322, information can also be obtained from website: http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and smart net.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender (Rs.)	EMD Amount (Rs.)	Tender Documents Available from	Pre-bid meeting will be held on	Last date for submission of tender Documents	Technical Proposal will be open on	Period of Completion
1	1089/ call-2	Tolanakere Lake Redevelopment Phase II	**4,11,00,000**	**6,17,000**	**14.08.2020**	**19.08.2020** at 11:00 hrs at Office of HDSCL, 4th Floor, 'F' Block, IT Park Hubballi	**31.08.2020** At 16:00 hrs	**02.09.2020** At 16:30 hrs	6 months including monsoon period

Sd/- General Manager (Tech.)
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

Sd/- Managing Director
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

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No: SGIT&O/FELLOWSHIP/ADM/23/2020-21 Date: 13.08.2020

NOTIFICATION

Admission to Fellowship Course for the Academic Year 2020-21

The applicants are invited for the admission for the following **Fellowship Courses.** They should have passed Post Graduation, MS (Ortho) / DNB (Ortho) / M-Ch Neurosurgegy, MCI Recognized. Post Graduation, MD (Anesthesia) / DNB (Anesthesia), MCI Recognized and MDS Faciomaxillary Surgery, KSDS recognized.

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE FELLOWSHIP COURSES	Duration	No. of Seats
01	Sports Injury and Arthroscopy	18 Months	02
02	Spine Surgery	18 Months	02
03	Advanced Orthopaedic Trauma	18 Months	02
04	Arthroplasty	18 Months	02
05	Maxillofacial Trauma	18 Months	02
06	Ultrasound and Image guided Advanced Nerve blocks	12 Months	02

The applicants should obtain **demand draft of Rs. 4,000/-** in favour of **Director, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Bangalore** along with self profile application with original certificates of S.S.L.C, PUC, UG & PG degree certificates, KMC / KSDC Reg. Certificate. to attend **Walk-in-Interview** will be held on **20-08-2020 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Conference Hall of this institution.

DIPR/DDU/761/MAA Communications/2020-21

Sd/- Director

BHARAT DYNAMICS LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
GACHIBOWLI, HYDERABAD-500 032.

Ref : BDL/CC/OT/GT/006/2020-21 Dt : 14.08.2020

e-PROCUREMENT ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

Inviting Indigenous Competitive Bidding

Sl.No.	Tender ID	Description
1	62361	Multi spectral Camouflage nets (MSCN) with its accessories (10 items)
2	62366	RADAR Target Echo Simulator.
3	62358	Antenna and Radome Test Facility
4	62359	Portable Checkout System for RF Seeker
5	62357	FULLY SHIELDED ANECHOIC CHAMBER.
6	62360	Test Facility for RADAR SEEKER

Please visit website **https://bdltenders.abcprocure.com** for further details. Bids should be submitted online only.

"Corrigendum if any shall be issued through our e-portal only and not in Newspapers".

Addl. General Manager (Corp. Comml.)

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Anushakti Bhawan, C.S.M Marg, Mumbai-400001

Ref. No. 2092/IOP **Date: 31.07.2020**

CORRIGENDUM

Reference our indicative advertisement No. **1608/3/2018/R&D-II/DAE** inviting applications for the post of **DIRECTOR,** Institute of Physics (IOP), Bhubaneswar (Level – 15 under 7th CPC) which appeared on all leading Newspapers during last week of February - 2020.

Due to COVID – 19 Lock Down, the last date is further extended up to **31.10.2020** for receipt of applications through **Registered Post** (or) **Speed Post** (or) **Courier** (or) **e-mail: <chmnoff@dae.gov.in>.** All other terms and conditions as explained in the detailed advertisement appearing on the following websites remain same.

i. **www.dae.gov.in under "Vacancy Notices"**
ii. **www.iopb.res.in under "Openings → Jobs →2020"**

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IFT No: 127&128/Pur/Tender File/2020-21/1285 **Date: 12-08-2020**

"SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION"

The Belagavi Milk Union Ltd., Invites tenders' from eligible tenderers for Providing Goods & Service in two cover system (Technical & Commercial) through E-Portal.

Sl. No.	ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately & Price shall be quo ted as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-por tal)	E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO	Approx. Tender Value	EMD Amount in Rs.	LAST DATE TO APPLY
1	Re-Tender for Supply, Installatio n & Commissioning of Mechani cal Ghee Pouch Filling Machine to Belagavi Dairy on turnkey basis. Capacity -1080 Packs /Hr. -01 No.	KMF/2020-21/ IND8136 /CALL-2	14,00,000=00	40,000	28-08-2020
2	Tender for Supply of S.S. Can Scrubber with all Accessories. -12 Nos.	KMF/2020-21 /IND8445	7,50,000=00	20,000	
3	SERVICE TENDER Re-Tender for Bi-Annual Maintenance contract for Computers, Printers etc.-01 Job (GST & others taxes shall be shown as per E-Portal Page No-22)	BMU/AMC FOR COMPUTER, PRINTERS/ 20120-21/CALL-2	Monthly 60,000=00	40,000	

Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/. for further information contact at office working hours phone no 0831-2405757 / 2405760.

Sd/-Managing Director
BEMUL

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Sr.	Event	Date	Day	Time
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(Addition of Some New Places for Online Examination Centres)

In view of the current situation arising from **COVID-19 pandemics,** various measures are being taken by the State Government for the convenience of the students appearing OJEE 2020. As a part of this process, **6 (Six) new places in Odisha State and 03(Three) places outside Odisha State** have been added to the existing places for **online examination Centres.**

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EDITORIAL

"Spiritual life is the genius of India ... Helped by natural conditions, and provided with the intellectual scope to think out the implications of things, Indians escaped the doom Plato pronounced to be the worst of all, the hatred of reason

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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— Ramnath Goenka

LESSONS FROM RBI'S ATTEMPT AT INFLATION TARGETING

The RBI broke its vow, although unintentionally. With the July retail inflation touching 7%, the central bank missed its inflation mandate for four months in a row. It appears certain that the breach will extend to three consecutive quarters and when it happens, Governor Shaktikanta Das will be forced into a humble public submission to the Parliament. Consumer prices already crashed the RBI's upper tolerance band of 6% in the past two quarters. We may have two months left in Q3, but the July figure tells us that the final print won't be pretty. Plus, Das warned us just last week that we were staring at the barrel of a gun as for as future price rise was concerned.

Usually when inflation becomes a problem-child, all central banks have to do is cut rates. But that's not an option we have as the repo rate is anchored at 4% and anything lower will see sharper negative real rates. Policymakers aren't putting on blinkers either and instead are overlooking the spike caused solely due to supply constraints driven by labour shortage. Much of the increase is led by food prices, which refuse to remain within the realm, agonising both policymakers and households. It imposes real costs on the economy and erodes the value of money. Still, Das hopes prices must dis-inflate on their own for two reasons: the RBI has little control and monetary policy simply has no effect on inflation when the economy is supply-constrained.

Incidentally, the steep rise comes just when the RBI's inflation-setting Monetary Policy Committee's term ends this month. The question is whether India's first attempt at inflation targeting worked. As it is, policy watchers echo the gripe about the RBI's error-prone inflation forecasts and that core inflation should be the nominal anchor besides widening the target band itself by 1-2%. Moreover, the inflation index looks imbalanced with excessive services components, the consumption of which fell dramatically during Covid-19. Even if we shrug off the record high inflation as a little bad data, some of these adjustments are essential for posterity.

VILIFYING THE MEDIA IS NOT RIGHT

With great power comes great responsibility. The truth is most leaders enjoy authority, but not the accountability that comes with it. In this context, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan deserves an honourable mention for choosing to brief the media himself on the tough Covid-19 fight and answer questions daily. He has been doing that for five months now. In the last few days, however, these sessions have descended into an ugly war of words with Vijayan, when faced with difficult questions, mostly unrelated to the pandemic, accusing journalists of conspiring to tarnish his government. He has been scathing in his attack, often singling out media groups and reporters, and the exchanges, while undermining the basic purpose of such interactions, are doing serious damage to his hard-earned image and credibility.

While his government has been facing allegations over many of its deals and actions, the recent gold smuggling case has compounded its woes. With a senior bureaucrat, until recently with the CMO, being dragged into the investigation and new facts emerging every day, the questions are only getting tougher for the CM. Moreover, the government hasn't been entirely transparent, either about its response to the pandemic or on the aspects of the smuggling case and other contentious deals. With the opposition coming up with new charges daily, the media naturally wants answers from the CM when he is available to answer them.

The expectation that the media play fair is reasonable; what is not is it stop asking difficult questions. While cyberbullies with Leftist sympathies have made it a habit to pounce on journalists for criticising the government's decisions, the fear is the CM's tirade can make them bolder. Already, some journalists have filed complaints and an investigation is on. During one heated interaction, the CM said it's people who decide whether he should keep his job or not. No doubt about that, but while he must do what he is supposed to, the media too must be allowed to fulfil its responsibilities. Asking questions on behalf of the people is one of them. Simply put, vilifying the media for demanding answers is certainly unbecoming of a democratically elected leader.

The National Health Policy of 2017 aims to establish public health management cadre in all states. However, progress has been extremely slow

CREATE PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY AND CADRE

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Malcolm Gladwell, the celebrated author, was posed a question by a viewer in the Munk Dialogues webcast from Canada in April 2020. He was asked what, in his view, could be the best thing to come out of the global pandemic of Covid-19. Without any hesitation, Gladwell said it would be the resurgence of public health as a widely respected discipline. He went on to say that public health was a major influence in advancing human health and well-being in the 20th century, giving the examples of many infectious diseases that have been quelled, like smallpox, poliomyelitis and HIV-AIDS. Despite these successes of public health, technological advances in illness care disproportionately captured the limelight and resources.

He could have well added the ongoing, but only partially successful, battle against tobacco and the more successful but still needed programmes to reduce maternal and child mortality. When public health is confronted by powerful commercial interests that oppose action against unhealthy foods, polluting industries, tobacco and alcohol, policymakers and sections of the public are swayed to act against public health evidence and advice. However, even in some incontrovertible areas like clean water and sanitation, services are not made universally available while economic growth is pursued zealously through lopsided models of development.

Gladwell also pointed out that the highly renowned hospitals of the US could make little impact on Covid-19 as the health system became dysfunctional due to shortages of nurses, personal protection equipment and testing kits. Top-heavy tertiary healthcare tottered when the weak legs of the health system gave way. Others have pointed out how all the smartly designed apps could not substitute for well-trained contact tracing personnel, whether in the US or UK. Doctors in highly rated hospitals in America have railed against hospital managers cutting expenses on nursing and other support staff as well as protective equipment in pursuit of the single-minded obsession to maximise profits. Lessons for India are there as our corporate hospitals are letting business managers, representing investor interests, dictate clinical practice patterns.

The former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, N N Vohra, recently recalled that public health officers were an important part of state health services several decades ago. He was chairing a webinar on a holistic healthcare response to Covid-19 organised by the India International Centre on 8 August 2020. Drawing on his distinguished career in the Indian Administrative Service, which gave him familiarity with the organisation and functioning of the health sector, he recommended that public health competencies must be built up again in the health services as a high priority.

Public health has been marginalised in our health planning and services, both through low investment in capacity building and negligible engagement of available expertise. Tamil Nadu has had a designated public health cadre for many years. Odisha has recently followed suit. The National Health Policy of 2017 aims to establish public health management cadre in all states. However, progress has been extremely slow, due to the lack of directive from the state-level political leadership and opposition from clinicians who are concerned about losing opportunities to occupy administrative positions in district and state health services. Even the Central government has not set an example by creating a public health cadre at the national level.

> Institutional capacity must be created and supported for training public health professionals who can provide high-level expertise, as well as public health practitioners who can deliver routine services to the population and ensure success of national health programmes. Clinicians should not resent the emergence of these cadre as the efficiency of health services will improve

Public health needs greater presence at multiple levels of public services, in the health sector and beyond. Diverse areas of expertise and a variety of functions contribute collectively to protection and promotion of public health. From virologists and entomologists to epidemiologists and health economists, and from statisticians to social scientists, the field is large. Public health nutrition, public health law and public health engineering are allied domains of public health knowledge and practice. Public health management is pivotal to the successful delivery of health programmes and improving service delivery at all levels of healthcare. Public health nurses, community health workers, sanitary inspectors and food inspectors must lead at the frontlines. A variety of allied health professionals and AYUSH doctors too can be trained for performing public health functions at the community level. Public health professionals are better at risk communication and community mobilisation, which are much-needed skills during emergencies like the pandemic.

Creating such diverse expertise and utilising them appropriately is vital to the protection of the population. Institutional capacity must be created and supported for training public health professionals who can provide high-level expertise, as well as public health practitioners who can deliver routine services to the population and ensure success of national health programmes. Clinicians should not resent the emergence of these cadre as the efficiency of health services will improve and those who are devoted to patient care can do so without worrying about system defects that result in inadequate staff, stock-outs of drugs and equipment, and poor information systems. They will also not have to deal with an avalanche of patients whose disease could have been prevented from occurring or advancing to a severe state.

Covid-19 provides an opportunity for strengthening our public health systems. Let us not lose that opportunity, lest we have to use the mask as a fig leaf to cover our future public health failures.

(Views expressed are personal)

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THE IDEA OF INDIA: A HISTORICAL CORRECTIVE

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As 15th August dawns tomorrow, it may be instructive to revisit the 'Indian nationhood' debate, which is clearly alive and kicking as seen in the recent controversy surrounding a Bollywood actor spouting what people with greater credentials have also been telling us for a while now—that there *was* no India before the British colonised us. This is, ironically, exactly what the colonisers had us believe. In 1880, for example, Sir John Strachey, the British administrator who trained the Imperial Civil Services of India, would begin his lectures saying: "The first and most important thing to learn about India is that there is not and never was an India"!

A century and a half later, some influential Indians are still denying the existence and even the possibility of an India in premodern times. Thus in 2005, the then prime minister in a speech at Oxford University practically thanked the British for colonising India and bestowing on this ancient land such "beneficial aspects" as the railways and civil services. Underlying his controversial gratitude was the assumption that not only did these British institutions 'modernise' India, they also unified it for the first time.

Two years later, a leading historian called India "an unnatural nation" in his book, implying, like the former PM, that modern developments such as British rule and the freedom movement forced a diverse and disconnected bunch of regions and peoples into one artificial and unhistorical entity called the Indian nation. In other words, a country as vast and heterogenous as India could never have been considered one, and all attempts since 1947 to forge a unified nation have been nothing more than a precarious statist project rather than the culmination of a long and rich past.

But what does history actually tell us?

Unlike a nation-state, a nation is first and foremost a notion: the jointly held sense of belonging to a common territorial and cultural entity that a people name and assert; a community of emotion, belief and praxis. And anyone who has even a working acquaintance with some of the master texts of Indian civilisation—the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* and *Mahapuranas* (5th century BCE to 5th century CE)—will immediately recognise this notion of a 'felt community' and common bounded entity that is affirmed and named as Bharatvarsha in these hoary texts. The *Mahabharata* defined it broadly yet resonantly as the land north of the sea and south of the Himalayas. The *Vishnu Purana* even spelt out Bharatavarsha's ethnic boundaries thus:

'The country north of the sea and south of the Himalayas / Is Bharata and her children are Bharati. / A thousand yojanas from north to south, / It has kiratas in the east and yavanas in the west' (Vishnu Purana 2.3, verses 1, 8)

Kiratas is a reference to the people of Assam and yavanas to those settled in Greater Punjab. Can there be a more explicit and inclusive self-understanding of the nation called India?

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And then there are other, later testimonies such as that of Xuan Zang, the Chinese pilgrim who travelled to India in the 6th century and wrote that as he stood in Nagarahara (modern Jalalabad in Afghanistan), west of the Khyber Pass, he felt he stood at the gateway to the country called 'Indu'. That he referred to India is evident from the way he described this country, again, in classical terms as bounded by the snowy mountains to the north and the sea on three sides, extending to an area of 90,000 li (Chinese mile) and inhabited by 70 different kingdoms.

Thus the view that India was too vast and diverse to ever be one nation ignores the fact that *the ancient Indian concept of nation could well recognise and embrace that vastness and diversity*, and acknowledge alongside a common unified sphere of cultural circulation.

Perhaps there is no greater evidence of this historical idea of India than the stellar example of Adi Shankaracharya, the seer-intellectual who in the 8th century established the supremacy of Vedanta or *advaita*, i.e. unified consciousness beyond multiplicity and form. Starting from his home town of Kaladi, Kerala, Shankara undertook three famous *digvijayas*—tours of philosophical conquest of the land, intensely debating and defeating the varied local scholarship, from Kapalikas and Pashupatas to Mimamsakas, Vaishnavas, Shaktas, Jainas, Buddhists and so on, first in Tamil Nadu, then Andhra, Vidarbha, and Karnataka, whereafter he reached Gujarat, onwards to Ujjayini (MP), Bahlika (Bactria), Shurasena (Mathura), Darads (Gilgit Baltistan), Kuru-Pancala (Punjab, Haryana), and then Kamarupa (Assam), Gauda (Bengal) and Koshala (UP).

The fitting culmination of these *advaitic* travels was in Kashmir at the renowned centre of all learning, Sharadapitha, today in PoK. Indeed the Shankaracharya temple at Srinagar still stands witness to this epic visit as also to the incredible centrality of the far north of India to the imagination of its far south, and vice versa.

Shankara also established *mathas* in the four cardinal directions: Badrinath, Puri, Shringeri and Dvaraka, symbolically evoking the extent of the Indian nation. S Radhakrishnan therefore called him "a shrewd political genius and patriot". However, Shankara's pan-Indian voyages also subtly demonstrate the ancient idea of India: a sphere peopled by great diversity of thought but unified by a consciousness that pierced through the illusion of multiplicity

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Historic if Kamala wins

India is proud that Kamala Harris, an ethnic Indian, has been chosen by American presidential candidate Joe Biden as his running mate. If the Democrat wins the race, it will be historic as a woman of Indian origin would hold the high office of vice president of the US.

Capt Raju Mathai (Retd.), Kochi

Kashmir and foreign policy

While Biden's choice was a political necessity, Harris richly deserves this. Her remarks on Kashmir show her political stance (*Should India cheer as Harris gets Joe Biden's V-P call?* Aug 13). Our left liberal lobby can be happy as a like-minded person could hold a top post in America, though a veep's role in shaping US foreign policy is limited.

N Ramamurthy, Chennai

Biden's choice is right

In selecting Harris, Biden has made the right choice. If they win, she will help lead America towards peace and prosperity.

K L Rao, Visakhapatnam

Law and order in B'luru

The Bengaluru police deserves commendation for the speedy restoration of law and order after riots rocked parts of the city, leaving three people dead. An inflammatory Facebook post by P Naveen, nephew of MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy, is reported to have triggered the violence. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai has done well to declare that the authorities will recover the cost of damage to property from rioters, many of whom had come prepared with iron rods and fuel.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Bring culprits to book

The eruption of violence in Bengaluru is shocking. The government needs to order an impartial investigation with a definitive time frame and bring the culprits to book irrespective of their religious or political affiliations.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Political correctness?

On Sunday, there was a bold headline about an isolated incident of violence in Rajasthan (*Auto driver assaulted for not chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' in Sikar*, Aug 9) that implied Hindu intolerance. On Wednesday, there was a report on a mob attack in Bengaluru. One had to read till the end to even try and infer that it was a mob belonging to members of a particular community. Why this excessive political correctness now?

Govindan B, T'puram

Probe violence thoroughly

The arson and rioting unleashed allegedly by SDPI supporters in Bengaluru resulting in the death of three people, injuries to scores of persons including policemen, and heavy damages to vehicles and properties are serious in nature. The gathering of thousands of rioters at such short notice should be investigated thoroughly and the miscreants should be dealt with severely.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Nepotism in Lanka

Sri Lanka's new cabinet is said to include members of the powerful Rajapaksa family (*Lanka's new cabinet: Rajapaksa & family*, Aug 13). They appear to have beaten even Indian political families when it comes to nepotism.

P G Menon, Chennai

Addressing climate change

The editorial *Floods, landslides, and the need to prioritise governance (Aug 13)* is spot on. Due to global warming, the last decade has been a witness to erratic weather. After disasters like landslides, a lot of money is spent on rehabilitation. Governments should realise that prevention is better than cure.

R Krishnamachary, Chennai

Selfless service

Mohammed Khalid is an inspiration whose selfless service deserves a grand salute (*Beyond religion: A Muslim who cremates bodies of Hindu corona victims*, Aug 13). In a country where such people are hard to find, he has set an example. His coming forward to cremate Covid victims is a clear evidence of the persistence of humanity.

Narayani P, Mayiladuthurai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Raut @rautsanjay61
Transfer of Sushant Singh Rajput's death case to CBI is illegal; Mumbai Police is investigating the case and if there's anything else to probe, CBI can do it

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
Bengal has successfully created green corridors for the speedy transfer of organs. I also pledged to donate my eyes many years ago.

Capt.Amarinder Singh @capt_amarinder
Have directed the Health Department & all district collectors to increase testing in poor & lower-income localities areas.

India projected to turn greyer by 2036

This will be a result of decline in fertility along with increase in life expectancy, says a government report

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

A declining fertility along with increase in life expectancy would result in India getting older (above 60 years) by 2036, if you take 2011 as the base year. The prospective 25-year salience forms a part of a report of the National Commission on Population under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare prepared by a technical group.

It says the proportion of the age group 0-24 is expected to fall from 50.2 per cent in 2011 to 35.3 per cent in 2036.

The technical group was mandated to review the methodology of population projections adopted in the past and prepare fresh projections up to the year 2036.

The report titled 'Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036' contains the assumptions and the methodology adopted in projecting different demographic indicators.

The projected population figures provided by the Registrar General of India form the basis for planning and implementation of various health interventions, the report said.

It says the number of older persons is expected to rise by more than double from 10 crore in 2011 to 23 crore in 2036 — an increase in their share to the total population from 8.4 per cent to 14.9 per cent.

The age group of 15-24 would see its share in the population dipping from 19.3 per cent in 2011 to 15.1 per cent in 2036. However, the proportion of the population in the working age-group 15-59 years is expected to rise from 60.7 per cent in 2011 to 64.9 per cent in 2036.

The report released recently says India's population is expected to increase from 121.1 crore to 152.2 crore during 2011-2036 —an increase of 25.7 per cent at the rate of 1 per cent annually. As a consequence, the density of population will increase from 368 to 463 persons per square km.

Due to a falling level of total fertility, the crude birth rate will decline from 20.1 during 2011-15 to 13.1 during 2031-35.

In contrast, the crude death rate is expected to increase marginally due to changing age structure of the population with the rising median age as a result of continuing decline in fertility and increase in the expectancy of life at birth. It will increase from 7.2 during 2011-15 to 7.3 during 2031-35.

The infant mortality rate, reported to be 46 in 2010, is expected to go down to 30 by the end of 2031-35.

The report said that between 2011 and 2036, because of the declining fertility, the proportion of under-15 population is projected to decline from 30.9 per cent to 20.1 per cent; the proportion of the middle age-group (15-59 years) and the older ages (60 years and above) are set to increase considerably.

Another important consequence of the declining fertility will be that, at the national level, the number of school-goers in the age of 5-14 years is expected to decline from 25.4 crore in 2011 to 20.9 crore in 2036.

The youth population in the age- group 15-24 years is expected to increase from 23.3 crore in 2011 to 25.1 crore in 2021 and then continue to decrease to 22.9 crore in 2036.

Its proportion to total population is expected to fall from 19.3 per cent in 2011 to 15.1 per cent in 2036.

Out of the total population increase of 31.1 crore between 2011 and 2036, the share of workers in the age-group 15-59 years in this total increase is 81.4 per cent.

This has implications in the availability of labour in future, the report said.

No of older persons to rise by double

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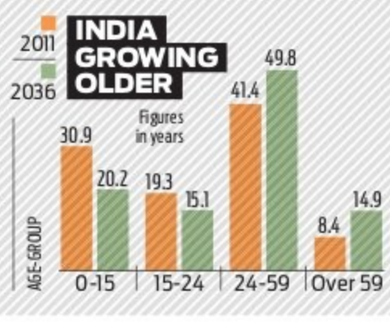

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NHAI LISTS SPECIES NOT FOUND HERE FOR GREEN NOD

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

AT a time when the draft Environment Impact Assessment published by the Ministry of Environment and Forest has come under fire from various quarters, the cavalier manner in which EIA reports are filed came to light during a recent meeting.

The union road, transport and highways ministry filed an EIA report for a road project in Gujarat, listing a scorpion species of Mexico, American Bullfrog of North America and a common wall lizard from Europe while none of them is found in India.

The matter came up before the environment ministry's expert appraisal committee at its meeting on July 29-30 while considering the construction of the Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway (109.019 km) in Gujarat under the Bharatmala Scheme of the National Highways Authority of India.

"Lithobates catesbeianus is listed in the EIA, which in fact is an American BullFrog that is found in North America and invasive in many countries but not found in India. Similarly, Western Rat Snake Pantherophis obsoletus is found exclusively in North America," the expert panel noted at the meeting, the minutes of which this newspaper has accessed.

"Podarcis muralis (common wall lizard) is found in Europe and North America and not India. A scorpion species Typhlochactas mitchelli listed in (the) EIA is endemic to Mexico. Such poor quality work not only reflects poorly on (the) NABET Accreditation process but also on NHAI for appointing such poor quality consultants," the committee said.

"It is one of the main reasons for delays in considering projects. In view of the above, EAC deferred the proposal for want of revised EIA/EMP report for portions related to biodiversity, ecology and checklist of fauna flora," the panel added.

The NHAI team received a dressing down from the panel for the faulty report and was asked to submit a reworked report. During the meeting, the committee noted that the NHAI consultant, M/s Enviro Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd, did very poor quality studies on biodiversity and ecology and the checklists of fauna and flora were peppered with errors.

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Expert panel

The National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) is a constituent of the Quality Council of India. It provides accreditation to schools, training course providers and auditors. The EIA consultants, having NABET accreditation, are hired by project proponents for preparation of reports for environment clearance.

The NHAI's error-ridden report comes while a debate rages on the controversial draft EIA notification. Many said the NHAI report was a classic example of how even the existing process was not taken seriously and bogus impact reports are submitted by project proponents while seeking environmental clearance.

The draft EIA 2020 has been severely criticized by several stakeholders, who have urged the ministry to scrap it as it dilutes the necessary checks and balances required to protect the environment.

UP, Bihar population to be 3rd highest in world in 16 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IF Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were a country, they would probably be the third most populated country in the world by 2036.

The government's latest population projections predict a 30% growth for UP and 42% for Bihar *(see graphic 1)*. In absolute numbers, UP, which is already the eighth most populous region in the world, is expected to register a population increase from 199 million (19.9 crore), as per the 2011 Census, to 258 million (25.8 crore) in 2036. Bihar's population is set to see an even steeper growth, from 104 million (10.4 crore) in 2011 to 148 million (14.8 crore) in 2036. Together, the two states will have a total population of 40.6 crore by 2036.

According to internetworldstats.com, a website that compiles the global population statistics and projections, the US, the third most populous country, will have an estimated population of 39.8 crore by 2050 while Brazil will have a population of 232 million (23.2 crore). Russia, currently, the ninth most populous country, will have a population of around 129 million (12.9 crore) by the year 2050. *(see graphic 2)*.

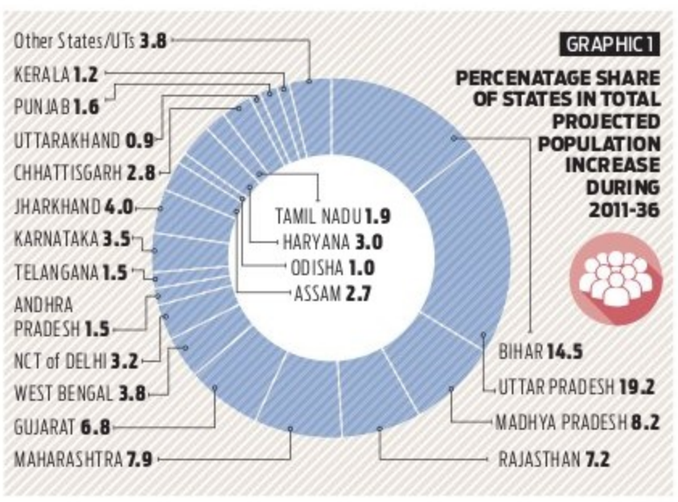
As per the latest government report, the population of India is expected to increase from 121.1 crore to 152.2 crore during the period 2011-2036 — an increase of 25.7 per cent in twenty-five years at the rate of 1.0 per cent annually. As a consequence, the population density will increase from 368 to 463 persons per square km.

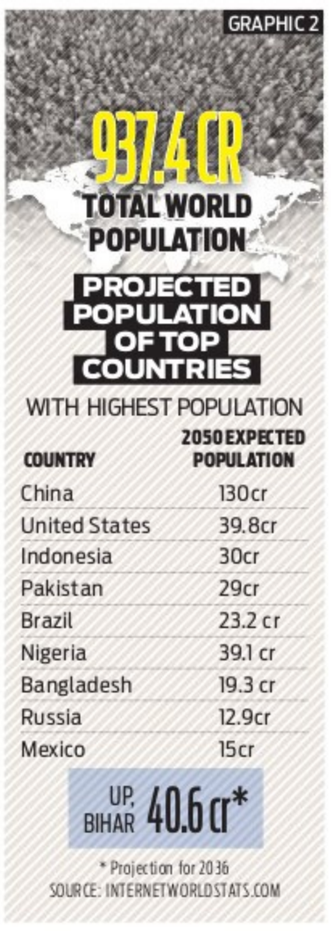
The rise in population in the two states could be attributed to the high fertility rates in contrast to many other states, such as those in South India, where, owing to an increasing access to birth control measures and better education, healthcare and professional opportunities, the projected growth rate is only 9%.

Together, the five southern states — Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu — will see a total increase of only 29 million (2.9 crore) people, which is half the increase that UP alone will see. The Total Fertility Rates or TFRs (average number of children born to each woman) in 2011 in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were the highest in the country at 3.5 and 3.7, respectively.

As much as 54% of the growth in India's population between 2011 and 2036 will take place in the five states of UP, Bihar, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.

In the same period, according to the government data, the country's TFR will decline to 1.73 with the assumption that the current pace of decline is maintained. According to the report, the only state with a TFR higher than 2 by 2035 will be Bihar at 2.38.





Health workers collect samples via rapid antigen kit at Deonar in Mumbai | PTI

Low cost-version of Remdesivir launched

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

GUJARAT-based pharmaceutical major Zydus Cadila on Thursday announced the launch of Remdac, the company's version of Remdesivir, a drug to treat moderate Covid-19 patients.

The drug by the firm, priced ₹2,800 for a 100mg vial of the injection, is set to be the most economical version of Remdesivir.

The drug will be made available across India through the group's strong distribution chain, announced Zydus.

The drug is officially not to be sold in the open market and can be available only on doctors' prescription.

The recommended dose for adults and paediatric patients is 200 mg on day 1 followed by once daily maintenance doses of 100 mg for five days.

The drug has emerged as one of the few repurposed medicines that has been found to help Covid-19 patients and the National Institutes of Health in the US had said in May had said that the drug's clinical trial showed that it offers the most benefit for Covid-19 patients who need extra oxygen but do not require mechanical ventilation.

Results had shown that patients who received Remdesivir had a 31 per cent faster time to recovery than those who received placebo. There is, however, no evidence so far to suggest that the medicine has any impact on mortalities related to the infection.

Remdac is the most affordable drug as we would like to enable patients to have access to this critical drug in the treatment of Covid-19

Sharvil Patel, Managing Director of Cadila Healthcare

In June 2020, Zydus apart with some other Indian pharma companies entered into a non-exclusive agreement with Gilead to manufacture and sell Remdesivir, the investigational drug, which has been issued a restricted use permission by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat patients suffering from severe symptoms of Covid-19.

"Remdac is the most affordable drug as we would like to enable patients to have access to this critical drug in the treatment of Covid-19", said Sharvil Patel, the managing director of Cadila Healthcare on Thursday.

Modi is now the longest serving non-Congress PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER having been the longest serving chief minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi on Thursday edged past Atal Bihari Vajpayee to ink his name as the longest serving non-Congress prime minister of the country. Overall, he is the fourth longest serving PM behind Jawahar Lal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Manmohan Singh.

Vajpayee was earlier the longest serving prime minister from a non-Congress background. His three terms had logged in a total of 2,268 days, said the BJP IT department head Amit Malviya.

Vajapayee had two brief terms before completing the full term during 1999-2004, with the BJP cobbling up a large National Democratic Alliance, which consisted of a battery of socialist stalwarts, including George Fernandes, Nitish Kumar and Sharad Yadav.

Modi will unfurl the national flag from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Saturday for seventh time in a row.

Hailing the feat of Modi, BJP vice-president Vinay Sahasrabuddhe said that the most remarkable of his achievements include "ending cynicism about the political class and rulers, making democracy deliver and honestly ensuring genuine good governance".

Most of the prime ministers from the non-Congress ranks could not complete their terms except for Vajpayee and Modi on account of differences with their alliance partners.

Bhushan & co can withdraw plea on contempt law: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday allowed former Union minister Arun Shourie, journalist N. Ram, and advocate Prashant Bhushan to withdraw their petition challenging the constitutional validity of criminal contempt for scandalising the court.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan, appearing for the petitioners, told the bench that the issues raised in the petition are important, but they would not like to raise the issues at this stage. The bench then allowed the petition to be withdrawn, with the liberty to file it before any other appropriate forum, like the high court.

The petition had challenged the validity of Section 2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act 1971, asserting that the provision is rooted in colonial assumptions and objects, which have no place in legal orders committed to democratic constitutionalism and the maintenance of an open robust public sphere.

EXPRESS READ

Steepest rise in daily Covid cases

New Delhi: As India carried out a record number of Covid-19 tests on Wednesday, the steepest rise in fresh cases were also registered overnight. As per Health Ministry, a whopping 66,999 new cases were detected in the 24-hour period. There were a total of 8,31,391 tests also carried out in a day, the figures released by the ICMR showed.

'Optional exams for boards in Sept'

New Delhi: The optional exams for improvement of performance in class 12 board examination are proposed to be held in September, the CBSE said on Thursday. The results of the exams, which were cancelled in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, were announced last month on the basis of an alternate assessment scheme.

Indian and Chinese militaries may join Russia-backed SCO drill in September

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

EVEN as soldiers of India and China are deployed dangerously close to each other in Ladakh, the militaries of the two countries are likely to carry out a joint exercise in September.

"Russia has sent us, China and Pakistan an invitation for a multilateral exercise Kavkaz 2020. While India has confirmed its participation, the response of other countries is not yet known," said an Army officer. Russia is holding the multinational exercise from September 15 to September 26 in its Astrakhan region and has invited all Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) members and a few other countries. There will be militaries of 18 countries like Russia, Iran, Egypt, Syria, Turkey and the Central Asian Region countries.

The SCO is an eight-member economic and security bloc with India and Pakistan joining it as full members in 2017. The founding members of this grouping include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

"The theme is based on a joint operation by friendly countries against an enemy which has taken over a part of Russia," said the Army officer. India is sending a 178-member tri-services contingent —140 Army personnel and 38 from the Air Force and Navy. An Army Colonel rank officer will be leading the Indian Contingent.

Onus not on China to resolve dispute: Chinese envoy

Chinese ambassador to India Sun Weidong has yet again accused Indian troops of triggering face-off by crossing the LAC and said the onus to resolve the dispute with India was not on Beijing. "Indians crossed the LAC for provocation and attacked the Chinese," he said.

HEALTH UPDATE

Pranab slowly responding to treatment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FORMER President Pranab Mukherjee is slowly responding to medical treatment and all his vital parameters are stable, his son and former MP Abhijit Mukherjee said on Thursday.

Mukherjee was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital here on August 10. He also tested positive for Covid-19.

"My father is and has always been a fighter! He is slowly responding to medical interventions and all his vital parameters are stable. I urge upon every well wisher to pray for my father's speedy recovery! We need them," the former president's son tweeted.

With rumours doing the rounds, Abhijit Mukherjee clarified in a series of tweets, "My father Shri Pranab Mukherjee is still alive and haemodynamically stable." "Speculations and fake news being circulated by reputed journalists on social media clearly reflects that media in India has become a factory of fake news," he further said.

"My head hangs in shame when I see corporate media houses, (a) few journalists and many social media users here in India resort to peddling fake news in a deliberate and desperate attempt to garner publicity. How cheap they are to make a living person dead at a stroke," he said in another tweet.

Mukherjee's daughter Sharmistha also tweeted about the same.

With inputs from PTI

UTTARAKHAND

The Monsoon Session of the Uttarakhand Assembly will commence from September 25. Cabinet Minister Madan Kaushik said all necessary precautions will be taken in the wake of Covid 19 contagion.

215 PRISONERS TEST COVID +VE IN BIHAR JAIL

Ahmedabad	34	24	Mumbai	29	26
Bhopal	29	24	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	31	26	Patna	32	27
Amritsar	32	25	Lucknow	30	25
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	34	20	Chandigarh	32	26

Hindus back construction of Ayodhya mosque

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

MOST of the calls encouraging construction of a mosque as ordered by the Supreme Court are from Hindus, according to sources in a trust formed by the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board (UPSCWB), which has been allotted the 5-acre alternative site as per the Ayodhya verdict.

The UPSCWB had on July 29 announced the formation of the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IIFC) tasked to develop the land in Dhannipur village under the district limits of Ayodhya, 20 km from Ramjanmabhoomi premises.

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> IICF member

IICF sources said a lot of Hindus are offering to contribute to the mosque construction and development of other infrastructure facilities. "Of the total calls we have received from across the globe showing willingness to contribute to the mosque construction, 60 per cent are Hindus," said a source.

"Ayodhya is set to emerge as a unique symbol of communal amity: we saw active participation of Muslims, including two litigants in '*bhoomi pujan*', and now Hindus are coming forward for contributing to the mosque construction," said an IICF member on condition of anonymity.

The Supreme Court, in its November 9, 2019 verdict, directed the state government to identify and allot 5-acre land to the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board for building a mosque in Ayodhya.

The UP government complied with the order in February 2020 and allocated the land to UPSCWB in Dhannipur village. The Ayodhya district administration handed over the land to IICF on Aug 2, three days before the ground-breaking ceremony of Ram temple.

The trust members would soon visit the village for the demarcation of the area. According to IICF sources, the trust is in the process of completing bank formalities for having an account and has also applied for a PAN.

"There will not be a dearth of funds for the development of the mosque and the additional facilities," said the member.

The IICF has already opened an office in Lucknow. The trust is also in the process of launching a portal by next week to accept donations.

Foreign contributions may have to wait for procedural clearances. The trust claims support of all sections, especially young Muslims. The IICF trustees, meanwhile, are expected to finalize the architect to prepare a design as the facility complex would also have a community kitchen.

BJP hopes for one more shot at Op Kamal

Oppn party feels another opportunity in Rajasthan will come soon due to bitterness between Gehlot and Pilot

(Top) Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot with other party leaders in Jaipur; (Below) Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar(Left) and former Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje during a meeting | PTI

SC adjourns hearing

The SC adjourned hearing on BJP MLA Madan Dilawar's plea against merger of BSP MLAs with Congress to Aug 17 on being informed that the Rajasthan HC is hearing it. It refused to give interim relief to BJP MLA Madan Dilawar who sought stay on the Speaker's nod to the merger.

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PUTTING up a brave face post Sachin Pilot's return to his party, the BJP said it would move a no-confidence motion against the Gehlot government in the Assembly due to begin on a stormy note from Friday.

The BJP's legislature party met in Jaipur and was joined by Vasundhara Raje and MLAs of its ally, the Rashtriya Loktantrik Party. The no-trust move was endorsed by all the MLAs.

"Our party is fully ready for such a move. We will question the government how it has functioned during the past one month when all its MLAs and ministers were herded together in hotels," said Gulab Singh Kataria, the leader of the Opposition.

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The presence of former chief minister Raje in the party meeting was significant as she had stayed away from public functions for nearly five months following the Covid-19 pandemic. She remained largely silent even during the month-long Congress crisis, leading to rumours that she had some understanding in saving the Gehlot government.

Raje was combative as she came out of the meeting. "The Congress has taken care of its interests and is not interested in the people of Rajasthan. We worked hard for 10 years but all that this government has done is changing the names of our schemes. We are now more determined than ever to present the works of the Central government before the people of Rajasthan."

Though disappointed over the failure of 'Operation Kamal', the party still hopes that given the Gehlot-Pilot bitterness, another opportunity would come its way sooner rather than later.

"This game is not yet over as the Congress remains faction-ridden. The disgruntled MLAs will themselves bring down the government," said a senior BJP party leader.

Rhea open to CBI probe in Sushant suicide case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Maharashtra Police neither registered an FIR on actor Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide nor did it extend any support to the Patna Police for investigating the case on account of political pressure, the Bihar Police informed the top court .

"It is apparent that it is on account of political pressure in the State of Maharashtra that neither the FIR was registered by the Mumbai Police nor did they extend any cooperation to Bihar Police in discharging their obligation to conduct investigation expeditiously," the Bihar government said.

On the other hand, Rhea Chakraborty submitted that the Bihar government had no jurisdiction to either lodge an FIR or to transfer it. "It is submitted that the investigations in Bihar are totally illegal and such illegal proceedings cannot be transferred to CBI in the present manner by way of illegal executive orders," she contended. "The petitioner has no objection if the transfer of investigation to CBI is done in exercise of powers conferred upon this court under Article 142 of the Constitution."

The Centre, on its part, told the SC that the statements of 56 witnesses collected by the Mumbai Police had 'no validity or legal sanctity' as it is yet to register an FIR. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, in his written submissions sought apex court's nod for investigation into the case by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate.

Sushant, 34, was found dead in his apartment in Bandra in Mumbai on June 14. Since then, the Mumbai Police has been probing the case.

BENGAL

Principal gets notice for resuming class

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE headmaster of a higher secondary school in West Bengal was served a show-cause notice for resuming classes on Wednesday despite clear rules that all educational institutions shall remain closed in the wake of Covid pandemic.

As the news of the violation of the instruction reached the school education department, the district school inspector reached BC Roy Higher Secondary School at Ghatal in West Midnapore, recorded statements of students, their guardians and teachers.

"The headmaster was show caused on the basis of the preliminary findings of the school inspector," said an official.

Brindaban Ghatak, the headmaster, had decided to resume classes for the students of Class-X. "The decision was taken because online classes were not effective because of negligible access to smartphones and poor network connectivity. A section of guardians, too, requested me to resume studies," claimed Ghatak.

All the Class-X students were informed on Tuesday to attend the science and English classes. "Out of 150 students, 52 turned up to attend classes and 25 among 37 teachers were present in the school. Classes continued for three hours maintaining social distancing norm," said a teacher.

Chapeshwar Sardar, the district school inspector, said the headmaster's decision was a gross violation of the state government's instruction. "The headmaster was asked to present his case."

Asked about the show-cause notice, Ghatak admitted that his decision of resuming classes was wrong. "It was a wrong decision. I am ready to face all action that the school education department will take.'

Ram temple trust chief tests Covid +ve, taken to hospital

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER over a week of the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony attended by PM Narendra Modi, Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust chairman Mahant Nritya Gopal Das, 85, has tested positive for Covid on Thursday.

The Mahant is in Mathura where he had gone to attend Janmashtami celebrations.

Notably, Mahant Nritya Gopal Das had shared stage with PM Modi, Governor Anandi Ben Patel, UP CM Yogi Adityanath and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Bhoomi Pujan on August 5. However, for the *bhoomi pujan* ceremony, there were standing orders for all the *bhoomi pujan* participants to attend the ceremony only with COVID negative report.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath directed authorities to shift the ailing Mahant to Medanta hospital in Gurugram.

EXPRESS READ

Was abused by six men: Assamese singer

Guwahati: Popular Assamese singer Zubeen Garg has filed an FIR with the police in Guwahati alleging that he was accosted and abused by six unknown persons who had beer bottles in their hands. In the FIR, he said the incident occurred in Ganeshguri area at around 12:40 am on Thursday when he was on his way home from a studio along with his driver and two PSOs. The singer alleged that a vehicle overtook his vehicle "surprisingly and shockingly". "After coming out of the vehicle, they suddenly started abusing me," Garg said in his complaint.

Daduwal elected HSGMC president

Chandigarh: Baljeet Singh Daduwal was elected president of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (HSGMC ad hoc) on Thursday. Daduwal defeated Jagbir Singh Khalsa by only two votes who was supported by former HSGMC president Jagdish Singh Jhinda. Of the 36 members eligible for voting, Daduwal got 19 votes while Khalsa received 17 votes. Daduwal along with pro-Khalistan leaders Dhian Singh Mand and Amrik Singh Ajnala had organised a protest against in March 2018 against the Haryana government.

SC for govt notices in regional languages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday suggested the Centre to amend the Official Languages Act for publishing official notifications in languages other than Hindi and English.

While staying the Delhi High Court's order of contempt of court proceedings against the Environment Ministry for allegedly failing to publish draft EIA notification in regional languages, a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde suggested that the Centre should amend the Act which says official publication can only be published in English and Hindi.

"These days, translation is the easiest thing on Earth. We translate judgments. Parliament has instant translation software. It is time for you to update your Act," CJI Bobde told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who was appearing for the Centre. "There could be people in areas like Karnataka or rural Maharashtra or Nagaland where people don't know Hindi or English."

Mehta submitted that responses to the draft EIA can be in any language.

The bench was hearing the Centre's appeal against the HC's August 12 order asking the ministry to reply to a plea seeking contempt action for not publishing the draft EIA notification in 22 Indian languages.

Though the apex court stayed the contempt notice, it said that the spirit of the Delhi High Court order was correct.

In the plea, environmentalist Vikram Tongad said the Centre wilfully disobeyed a judicial order to publish the draft EIA in all languages mentioned in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution within 10 days, starting June 30.

The Delhi High Court had earlier extended the time granted for the public to provide suggestions for the draft EIA till August 11.

It had observed that there was ambiguity in the May 8 notification which extended the time limit for suggestions and also opined that the proposed notification should be translated into other languages too for effective dissemination.

India extends $500 mn assistance to Maldives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday announced a $500 million financial package for the Maldives to help execute a connectivity project to link Male with three islands. It also announced an air bubble with the country will be operational shortly.

New Delhi also said that the ferry service between the two countries, which was promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address to the Maldivian Parliament, would be launched. The announcements were made during the virtual meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Madivian counterpart Abdulla Shahid.

"Responding to a request from the government of the Maldives, Jaishankar announced India's decision to support the Greater Malé Connectivity Project (GMCP) through a financial package comprising a grant of $100 million and a new line of credit for $400 million," said a statement from the MEA.

Bilateral ties blooming

During the virtual meeting, the two leaders took stock of bilateral relations and noted with satisfaction that the Covid-19 pandemic has not been able to slow down the pace of bilateral cooperation

The minister noted that the project would be the largest civilian infrastructure project in Maldives, connecting Malé with the islands of Villingili, Gulhifahu, where a port is being built with cooperation of India, and Thilafushi. "Once completed, this landmark project will streamline connectivity between the four islands, thereby boosting economic activity, generating employment and promoting holistic urban development in the Malé region," the MEA said.

Jaishankar said that an air travel bubble between India and the Maldives to enable movement of people from both sides for tourism and medical emergencies will also be created.

Bhadla Solar Park now biggest in the world

The Bhadla Solar Park in Rajasthan's Jodhpur district has become the largest solar park in the world. The solar park is spread over a total area of 50 sq km and houses 36 plants of 18 companies. With the commissioning of a 300-MW solar power project by Hero Future Energies, the Bhadla Solar Park was declared as the world's biggest by Mercomm Institute of India, surpassing the Pawagarh plant in Karnataka. Rajasthan is the biggest producer of solar energy in India. Projects are being developed by companies through PPP route.

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JAIPUR DIARY

Govt, SIDBI to create MSME ecosystem

To provide meaningful assistance and encouragement to upcoming and existing MSME units in the state, the Rajasthan government is joining hands with the Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI). The sides have discussed an agreement to increase awareness of growth and business opportunities amongst MSME units. In a recent meeting, SIDBI representatives highlighted the clusters where they would like to work and how they would reach small entrepreneurs, using their expertise in providing consultation, appropriate solutions and guidance for availing benefits under current schemes. The meeting was chaired by Archana Singh, Commissioner Industries, Government of Rajasthan.

MLAs celebrate festivals in resorts

Sachin Pilot's Ghar Wapasi may put an end to the political drama in Rajasthan which led to over a hundred MLAs being herded together in hotels in Jaipur and Jaisalmer over the past month. During their stay, MLAs had to celebrate festivals like Rakhi, Eid and Janmashtami at the hotels and away from their families and relatives. Even Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has often stayed with his MLAs. As a result, Gehlot could not get Rakhi tied by his sister. He finally got a chance to meet his sister during a brief visit to his home town on Wednesday. While Gehlot got the Rakhi tied, his elder sister blessed the CM with success in perhaps the toughest political fight of his career.

Pilot's revolt big boon for pro-Gehlot MLAs

The revolt by Sachin Pilot and his camp may have created a political crisis in Rajasthan, but it has proved to be a blessing in disguise for pro-Gehlot MLAs. The demands of these MLAs, not only from Congress but also BTP, CPM and BSP, have been a priority for the Gehlot government since July 14. In particular, transfers in the bureaucracy, desired by some MLAs, were effected swiftly. Over 300 transfers were done in 20 days. Many MLAs confirmed that senior IAS-IPS officials, who earlier did not even bother to talk to them, now respond even to their WhatsApp messages as the CM has reportedly instructed bureaucrats to address all issues raised by MLAs on priority.

3,841

Iraq's health ministry Thursday reported 3,841 new Covid-19 cases over the past 24 hours, a record since the first infection was registered in February.

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	23	SNY	Los Angeles	30	21	SNY
Colombo	31	24	TDS	Melbourne	17	10	LR
Doha	42	31	SNY	Moscow	16	9	LC
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	28	22	HR
Houston	36	24	SNY	Singapore	32	26	TDS
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	29	19	SNY
London	29	19	HR	Washington DC	26	22	HR

ISRAEL, UAE STRIKE MAJOR DIPLOMATIC ACCORD

Under US-brokered deal, Israel to suspend plans to annex parts of West Bank in return for normalised UAE ties

US President Donald Trump (C) accompanied by US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman (L) and White House senior adviser Jared Kushner | AP

DUBAI

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday the United Arab Emirates and Israel have agreed to establish full diplomatic ties as part of a deal to halt the annexation of occupied land sought by the Palestinians for their future state.

The announcement makes the UAE the first Gulf Arab state to do so and only the third Arab nation to have active diplomatic ties to Israel.

Trump tweeted a statement from the countries, acknowledging the deal. He then told reporters that it was "a truly historic moment."

The recognition grants a rare diplomatic win to Trump ahead of the November election as his efforts to see an end to the war in Afghanistan have yet to come to fruition while efforts to bring peace between Israel and the Palestinians have made no headway. Israel and the UAE also have been among Trump's closest foreign allies.

For Israel, the announcement comes after years of boasting by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that his government enjoys closer ties to Arab nations than publicly acknowledged. Netanyahu has sought to build settlements on lands sought by the Palestinians and embraced a Trump proposal that would allow him to annex large parts of the occupied West Bank while granting Palestinians limited autonomy in other areas.

For the UAE, home to skyscraper-studded Dubai and the rolling, oil-rich sand dunes of Abu Dhabi, it further burnishes its international campaign to be seen as a beacon of tolerance in the Middle East despite being governed by autocratic rulers. It also puts the UAE out first in a regional recognition race among neighboring Gulf Arab states.

And for the Palestinians, who long have relied on Arab backing in their struggle for independence, the announcement marked both a win and setback. While Thursday's deal halts Israeli annexation plans, the Palestinians have repeatedly urged Arab governments not to normalise relations with Israel until a peace deal for an independent Palestinian state is reached.

'A stabbing in the back'

"Israel got rewarded for not declaring openly what it's been doing to Palestine illegally & persistently since the beginning of the occupation," senior Palestinian official Hanan Ashrawi wrote on Twitter. She also said the UAE has come forward with its "secret dealings/normalization with Israel." "Please don't do us a favor. We are nobody's fig leaf!" she wrote. The militant group Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, called the deal by the Emiratis "a stabbing in the back of our people." *AP*

Joe Biden, Harris focus WH campaign on coronavirus crisis

WILMINGTON

US Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris will put the coronavirus pandemic front and centre in their campaign Thursday, targeting Donald Trump's response to the health and economic crises ahead of November's election.

Fresh off Wednesday's campaign rollout that featured the pair together for the first time showcasing their vision for the nation, they will meet with public health experts in Delaware.

Biden and Harris are to deliver remarks afterwards, according to the campaign -- a signal to voters that curbing the spread of the virus is a top priority and major election issue. They will likely unleash a second straight day of vigorous criticism of Trump, whom Democrats widely accuse of mishandling the US response to a pandemic that has claimed more than 166,000 lives, the world's highest death toll.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris | AP

Harris warned Wednesday that Trump's "mismanagement" of the pandemic has plunged the nation into the deepest health crisis in a century and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

"There's a reason (the coronavirus) has hit America worse than any other advanced nation. It's because of Trump's failure to take it seriously from the start," she said.

Harris lamented "his refusal to get testing up and running. His flip-flopping on social distancing and wearing masks. His delusional belief that he knows better than the experts."

Trump meanwhile said the economy was experiencing a "v-shaped recovery," despite millions of American families suffering.

"As we continue to confront the China virus, we're rebuilding America's economy like nobody thought possible, actually," Trump said on Wednesday at the White House. *AFP*

Pak to send Bajwa to Riyadh as Saudi seeks loan payback

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN is sending its army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa to Saudi Arabia this weekend to ease diplomatic tensions that have led Riyadh to demand early repayment of a $3 billion loan, reports said on Thursday.

Though Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have been staunch allies, their relationship has been hit by Imran Khan's stance that Saudi Arabia has not been keen on pushing Islamabad's narrative on Kashmir.

Saudi Arabia has demanded repayment of part of the $3 billion loan it gave to Pakistan and has frozen a $3.2 billion oil credit facility, media reports said.

Pakistan has already prematurely returned $1 billion Saudi loan – four months ahead of its repayment period. Now, the two countries are now in "tough" negotiations on the repayment of the remaining debt amount, the Financial Times said, citing unnamed people close to the government.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan and army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa | AP

Saudi Arabia has ignored Khan's demands on Kashmir, blocking his attempts to get the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to comment on the subject. Saudi Arabia may be afraid of angering India, a key trading partner.

"It seems the Saudis didn't appreciate the persistence of the Pakistanis on Kashmir. China is pretty much becoming not just Pakistan's main option but to some extent only option," Arif Rafiq, president of Vizier Consulting, told the Times.

Recently, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that if the OIC, headed by Saudi Arabia, did not convene a foreign ministers' meeting on Kashmir, Imran Khan would hold it on his own with other Islamic countries.

Qureshi's comments have angered Riyadh, a Pakistan military official and a government advisor told Reuters.

"It's a significant low for Pakistan-Saudi relations right now. The relationship is in freefall," Sajjan Gohel, an expert on South Asia, told the Times. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

BHUTAN IMPOSES 1ST NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN OVER KUWAIT RETURNEE

Thimpu: The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan has imposed its first nationwide lockdown due to a virus infection in a returning traveler who had been released from quarantine. The government issued a stay-at-home order for its approximately 750,000 people, and all schools, offices and commercial establishments were closed. The 27-year-old Bhutanese woman returning from Kuwait tested negative in mandatory quarantine for arriving travelers. But between her discharge and positive result Monday, she is believed to have traveled extensively. AP

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice/s.
The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account.
The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. **The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower /Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property Mortgaged
1.	NHL/BAN/05 15/222145, NHL/BAN/06 15/228782 & NHL/BAN/ 1216/337084	Mr. J V Krishna Reddy, M/s Aravind Infracon India Pvt Ltd & Mrs. Padmaja Reddy Janke	16/01/2020	Rs. 4,38,92,417.26 (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen and Twenty Six Paisa only) Due as on 31.07.2020	12/08/2020 (Symbolic)	All that Piece and Parcel of the land bearing formed out of undeveloped converted Survey No.116/1, measuring: 0-25 Guntas (converted for Non-agricultural residential purposes as per Official Memorandum bearing No. A.L.N. (S.B.) (B.H) S.R. 78/2010-11, dated 20-06-2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, **Bangalore South Taluk and Bounded on the: East by:** Re Sy. No. 116/2 belongs to Poojappa, **West by :** Re Sy. No. 113 and Tank Bund presently road, **North by :** Re Sy. No. 114 (Tank Water Drain), **South by:** Re Sy. No. 113 and Tank Bund presently road

PLACE : BANGALORE, DATE : 13-08-2020 AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002. # 044-42995000, 044-42995050

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.** In the meantime, M/s Equitas Housing Finance Limited., has amalgamated with M/s Equitas Finance Limited., as per the Scheme of Amalgamation sanctioned by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature, at Madras., in CP Nos:119 TO 121 OF 2016 vide its order dated 06-06-2016. By virtue of the said amalgamation, all the rights and liabilities of Equitas Housing Finance Limited stands vested in Equitas Finance Limited. This is to further inform you that under the certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies, Chennai, the name of M/s Equitas Finance Limited., was changed to M/s Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, and the Reserve Bank of India had issued a license dated 30-06-2016 to Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited to carry on the business of banking. The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan on account of which their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India . The borrower(s) have provided security of the immovable property/ies , the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrower/s to ESFB as on date are also indicated herein below. The borrower(s) as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ESFB, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrower(s) fail to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice,** the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property/ies described herein below.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Branch: Sira L.No:SEIBSRA0213772 Borrower : Mr. Shantharaju.TK Co-Borrowers : Mrs. Savitha	17.02.2020 & Rs.9,25,620/-	All the piece and parcel of the immovable schedule No.152500701301220208 Property No.1365, Situated at Tavarekere Grama Tavarekere Grama Panchayath, Gowdagere Hobli, Sire Taluk and Tumkur District. Measuring East to West 9.144 Meter 30 Feet, North to South 12.192 Meter 40 feet, Total extent 1200 sq.ft North by : Road, South by : House of Shanthamma, East by : Kere Kaluve, West by : Site of Rajamani, Measurement : Measuring East to West 9.144 Meter 30 Feet, North to South 12.192 Meter 40 feet, total extent 1200 sq ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Sira and Registration District of Tumkur.
Branch: H S R LYT L.No:SEHRLYT0179381 Borrower : Mr. Bhuvaneshwar Thani Prasad Co-Borrower : Mr. RaghavendraThani, Mr. Shanthamma	17.02.2020 & Rs.7,72,878/-	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sl.No.96, property No.747, Situated at Sarjapura Village, & Panchyath, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. North by : Property of Thani Munisamy, South by : Dhari, East by : Panchyath Road, West by : Property of Munivenkatappa. Measurement : East to West 56ft, North to South 20ft, total extent of 1120 Sq.ft Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Basavangudi (Jigani) and Registration District of Bangalore.
Branch: Mysore L.No:SEMYSOR0213028 Borrower : Mr. Dasappa, Co-Borrower : Mrs. Chikkamanamma	24.02.2020 & Rs.3,38,240/-	All that piece and parcel of the immovable schedule property Katha No.152200102221520002, property No.498, situated at Agathuru Village, Sagaregrama Panchayath, H.D.Kotetalluku. North by : Site No. 497, South by: Road, East by : Site No. 499, West by Government Road, Measurement : Measuring East to West 13.7160 mtr (45 feet,) North to South 18.288 Mtr(60 feet), Total extent 250.84 chmtr (2700 sqft.) situated at within the Sub - Registration District of H.D.Kote and Registration District of North Mysore.
Branch: Mysore L.No:SEMYSOR0172020 Borrower : Mr. Puttaswamy Co-Borrowers : Mrs. Shobha,	03.03.2020 & Rs.10,20,393/-	All the peace and parcel of the immovable schedule property No.152900101300100845, Grama Panchayath property No.725/497/3, situated at Kodamballi Village, Kodamballai Grama Panchayath, Chennapatna Taluk, Mysore Dist. North by : site of Manjula, South by : House of Premamma, East by : Government Road, West by : Land of Jayarayi. Measurement : Measuring East to West 17.37 mtr (57 feet), and North to South 6.70 mtr (22 feet), total extent 116.50 cha.mtr (1254 sq.ft) Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Chennapatna and Registration District of Ramanagara.

Date : 14.08.2020
Place : Bangalore
Authorised Officer,
Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to enter into a development agreement with Smt. S.V. PRABHAVATHI D/o LATE.VENKATAPPA of Sadahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Devana Halli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, who is the owner of agricultural properties mentioned in the Schedule. If anyone has any objection to the proposed transaction, they may register their objections with the undersigned advocate within 7 days from today.

SCHEDULE

Four items of Agriculture properties situated at Sadahalli village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore district totally measuring One Acre, Nineteen and a half Guntas.
1. Sy. No. 21/2, Measuring 8 Guntas
2. Sy. No. 21/4, Measuring 25 & ½ Guntas
3. Sy. no. 27/1, Measuring 6 Guntas
4. Sy. no. 27/4, Measuring 20 Guntas

Smt. K.SHEELA ANISH, Advocate,
Kamala Mansion, No-10, Connaught Road, Bangalore-1. Mob no . 78297 74230

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client informs that, the Original Immovable Property documents belongs to **Smt. Padmini** W/o C. Nagaraju the GPA Holder of **Sri. B.N.Jayasurya and J.Srinivas Reddy,** in respect of Property bearing Site No.194, Byanna Layout, No.3, Kethamaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North, Revenue No.45, now 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Rajajinagar, 'A' Block, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 021, extent East to West 40 feet North to South30 feet, the above said Property my client like to sell the property in favour of one **P. Rashmi**, D/o Late. Prabhakar, No.7, 1st Floor, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003. If anybody finds or having the possession of the above said property may kindly contact the above mentioned address ***within 7 days*** from the date of this publication. The General Public at large are hereby cautioned and restrained from trained from transacting / dealing /entering into any kind of agreements or any type of documents based on.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No.194,** Byanna Layout, No.3, Kethamaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North, Revenue No.45, Now 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Rajajinagar, 'A' Block 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 021, extent **East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, with 2 Square Sheet House** and bounded on:
East by: Site No.179, **West by:** Road,
North by: Site No.193, **South by:** Site No.195

Sd/-
T.V. Nanja Reddy, *Advocate,*
No.1673/1, New No.3, 3rd Main,
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Employment Notice No. CMP/02/GAZ/2020
Walk in Interview- For Doctors

South Western Railway, Mysuru Division proposes to engage full time Medical Practitioners (Specialist) on contract basis for South Western Railway, exclusively at Railway Hospital, Mysuru for a period of one year or less or till regular incumbent joins whichever is earlier subject to terms and conditions.
1. Eligibility Criteria / Qualification : Contract Medial Practitioner (Specialist) -The candidate should possess the qualification of MBBS plus MD or DNB (General Medicine) with registration in Medical Council and completed internship with 05 years experience in that profession.
2. Age: i) **For open Market Candidate:** Should not have completed more than 50 years as on 27.07.2020. ii) **For Retired Railway Doctors / Retired State Government Medical Officers :** Upto the age of 65 years reckoned as on 27.07.2020.
3. No. of Vacancies: GDMO (Specia list) : UR-01, SC/ST/OBC-Nil, Total-01
4. Place At Which Service Required: Railway Hospital, Mysuru. **5. Venue of Interview:** Office of Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS), Railway Hospital, Vontikoppal, Mysuru. **Date & Time Of Interview:** 13.08.2020 (Thursday) from 11.00 hrs onwards.
6. Honorarium: i) For open Market Candidate: Rs. 95,000/- per month. ii) For retired Railway Doctors / Retired Govt. Medical officers of state Government : Fixed remuneration of Rs. 46,000/- per month (Subject to the condition).

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in
Senior Divisionl Personnel Officer, Mysuru
PUB/116/AAV/PRB/SWR/2020-21

HDFC Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020.
Regional Office : HDFC Ltd, HDFC House, No -51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001.
Tel: 080-41183000, CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916,
Website: www.hdfc.com, Email:customercare.bang@hdfc.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :
Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A)** under **Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.HDFC.Com**

Sl. No.	(A) Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	(B) Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	(C) Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	(D) Type of Possession	(E) & (F) Reserve Price (Rs.) & Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	(G) Date and time of E-Auction
1	Mr. Vishwanath H R (Borrower) Loan A/c No: 619950289 & 620574245	Loan Account No.619950289 Rs.12,11,919/- Loan Account No. 620574245 Rs.20,05,036/- Totally accruing to Rs.32,16,955/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Five Only) due as on 31.03.2019	All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of Site No.1, in Khata No.38/3, Property No.16/2 of situated at Nagadevanahalli Village,Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Sub-Division, Mesuring East to West:40-0 Feet and North to South : 15 Feet, totally Measuring 600 Sq.ft and with constructions there on and bounded with; East By : Property Belongs to Sri M.H.Govindegowda, West By : Road, North By : Private Property, South By : Southern Portion of same site No.1	Physical Possession	Rs.32,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Only) Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	23.09.2020 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM

1. Inspection Date & Time: 22.08.2020 and 29.08.2020 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs.20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 21.09.2020
*together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/ ShridharChinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449080072.
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 14.08.2020
Place: Bangalore
For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified and warned that my client **Sir. K.N. Venkatesh,** S/o. Late Narayanappa, R/o. No. 840, 60 Feet Road, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, is the absolute owner of residential converted immovable land property bearing Survey No. 220, out of the total extent on Western Portion measuring East to West **85** Feet and North to South **100** Feet, in all measuring 8500 Square Feet, situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru. The Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District was pleased to convert the above said land for residential purposes vide order No. **ALN(S)SR(KENG)/168/11-12,** dated 30-04-2012, which is more fully described in schedule mentioned hereunder, now the schedule property is under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 160, further the Katha of the schedule property stands in the name of Sir. K.N. Venkantesh, bearing BBMP Katha No. 6291/2/6262/220/1.
Now some strangers having no manner of right, title or interest over the schedule property are deceiving general public by portraying themselves as owners of the schedule property, as such general public are hereby forewarned not to deal with the schedule property and in-spite of this notice if the anybody where to deal with the schedule property, it would be at their own risk and peril and my client would be constrained would take appropriate legal action both civil and criminal against them.

SCHEDULE

All that is piece and parcel of the residential converted immovable land property bearing Survey No. 220, and out of the total extent of Western Portion measuring East to West 85 Feet and North to South 100 Feet, in all measuring 8500 Square Feet, situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, the schedule property now coming under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 160 vide BBMP Katha No. **6291/2/6262/220/1** and bounded on:
East by: Remaining portion Sy.No. 220, West by: Land in Sy.No. 223 and 235, North by: 40 Feet Road and thereon BEML Layout, South by: Apartment constructed in Sy.No. 220.

SMD & ASSOCIATES, Advocates
114, First Floor, Embassy Center, Opposite to Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce, Near Shivananda Circle, Bangalore-560001.
Place: Bangalore, Date: 10th August 2020

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Market Watch

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7.95 ▼	Nifty	11,300.45	₹188 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,249	₹1.6 ▲	Per gm	₹67.5	▲ Euro	87.78

PM rolls out faceless tax appeals

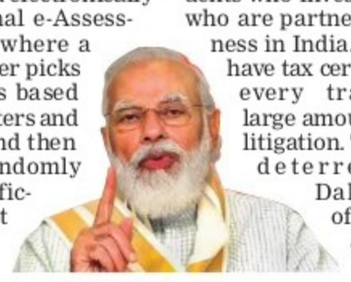
New platform to limit interaction between officials and taxpayers, bring down harassment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN order to maintain transparency in tax assessment and to prevent harassment of taxpayers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday unveiled a platform which enables a range of new services including a faceless tax assessment, and appeal system along with a taxpayers charter.

Launched at an event called 'Transparent Taxation - Honoring The Honest', the platform will remove many avenues for tax harassment by officials. "Faceless assessment and the taxpayers charter came into force from Thursday, whereas the faceless appeal service will be available from September 25," PM Modi said in his video conference address, adding that the new reform will instill a sense of fearlessness among the honest taxpayers.

This means all income tax cases picked up for scrutiny will be assessed electronically via the National e-Assessment Centre, where a central computer picks up tax returns based on risk parameters and mismatches, and then allots them randomly to a team of officers to take it through the process of scrutiny. The tax department claims this move will substantially reduce interaction between taxpayers and tax authorities during assessment proceedings, and thus reduce any chance of corruption or harassment. The assessment scheme is not new and was launched on October 7, 2019.



However, initially, only 58,319 cases were taken up under the scheme. From Thursday, the scheme will be implemented for all cases. And while doing so, the tax department has restricted scrutiny power to only a small set of officials.

But the reform will not be applicable for cases relating to search and seizure as well as international tax charges, which will stay outside the ambit of faceless scrutiny.

While experts have lauded the step, they note that much reform is also required in international taxation. "A lot needs to be done to streamline the issues faced by non- residents who invest in India and who are partnering for business in India. They need to have tax certainty. Almost every transaction of large amount ends up in litigation. This is a great deterrent," said Daksha Bakshi of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

Tax Dept working on ways to widen tax base

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

AFTER coming up with a slew of steps to help tax-payers, the Revenue Department is also working on ways to broaden the tax base through a number of steps including cross seeding data from PAN, challans and e-way bills, and tax declarations including refunds with GST information.

Top officials said they are also looking at ways to expand the scope of tax deductions at source (TDS) by all firms making payments and tax collections (TCS) at source by e-commerce firms, as also presumptive taxes in some cases.

"We are intensifying cross seeding of information and inter-agency cooperation in order to identify tax loopholes and add more people to the tax net," said top officials.

The moves to expand the scope of TDS and TCS will take time and may be brought as late as the next budget, said an official, though work on the matter has started.

"We are looking at including more goods and services in TCS to widen the net and reduce revenue leakages," officials said. In the case of cross seeding, officials will be looking at information mis-matches in GST filings when compared with corporate and I-T filings.

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>
> Senior official

In the last budget, a few steps in this direction were already taken. TDS on cash withdrawals above ₹1 crore was imposed (₹29 lakh for non-filers of returns), along with TCS on automobiles worth more than ₹10 lakh, and TCS on foreign remittance under RBI's LRS scheme or on foreign tour packages above ₹75 lakh. TDS on e-commerce and TCS on purchases worth more than ₹50 lakh was also launched.

Reliance group may acquire TikTok's India biz for $5 bn

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

RELIANCE Industries Limited (RIL) is reportedly the latest bidder who is trying to pick up the India business of social video app TikTok, with reports stating that the Mukesh Ambani-led conglomerate had begun talks with TikTok owner, Chinese company Bytedance, as early as last month. The deal is reported valued at $5 billion.

India was the largest market for TikTok outside China, with more than 611 million downloads generated till date, according to data from market intelligence firm Sensor Tower. However, when it comes to monetisation, India remains behind. China, US and UK accounted for 90 per cent of TikTok's total revenues.

Although, Reliance and Bytedance both declined to provide any information on the reported deal, industry analysts predict this is the most likely scenario—especially after the Chinese app was banned by the Indian government in June on the grounds of threats to national security and data privacy. Interestingly, Facebook which is the largest minority stakeholder in Reliance's Jio platforms, has also recently launched Instagram Reels in India, where users can make a short video, embedded in the photo-sharing platform.

BIG BUSINESS

- India was the largest market for TikTok outside China before it was banned
- But, China, US and UK accounted for 90 per cent of TikTok's total revenues

Sanchit Vir Gogia, CEO, Greyhound Research wrote in his recent note that in the present circumstances, Bytedance's deal with Reliance Jio could be a viable option to mitigate regulatory hurdles in India, as well leverage the 400 million-strong user base of Jio.

Tech giant Microsoft had earlier said that it was planning to purchase TikTok's businesses in the US and other key markets. However, US President Donald Trump's executive order serving a 45 day deadline before the app was banned may likely lead to a fastracking of the potential sale. Microsoft has confirmed that it is in talks with Bytedance which would be concluded by September 15.

Retail inflation inches higher to 6.93% in July

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S retail inflation for the month of July has gone up to 6.93 per cent, nearly a whole percentage point over the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) targetted upper limit of 6 per cent. The rise in prices was driven mainly on account of a sharp increase food rates.

CPI-based retail inflation was 6.23 per cent in June.

According to government data released on Thursday, food inflation increased to 9.62 per cent in July compared to 8.72 per cent in June.

Food items have an overall weightage of 45.85 per cent in the consumer price index. Vegetable prices in July rose a sharp 11.29 per cent from 4 per cent in the previous month, while inflation for fruits stood at 0.13 per cent compared to a 0.3 per cent rise in June. Pulses prices rose by 15.92 per cent in July compared to 17.6 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in the transport and communication category rose to 9.95 per cent from 8.3 per cent.

Experts predict that the trend will continue in August too. "The evolving trends for the ongoing month suggest that the CPI inflation may remain appreciably above 6 per cent in August, which would be the last inflation print available before the next scheduled MPC review, " Aditi Nayar, economist with ICRA said.

Even the RBI has predicted that inflation would remain high in the September quarter, before cooling down in the second half of the financial year. In the recent Monetary Policy meet, the RBI kept the repo rate unchanged and maintained an accommodative stance. "The MPC expects headline inflation to remain elevated in Q2:2020-21, but likely to ease in H2:2020-21, aided by favourable base effects," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das had said after the MPC meeting on 6 August.

Meanwhile, the National Statistical Office said data collection has improved after the gradual lifting of the lockdown. "Availability of price data has improved. NSO collected prices from 95% urban and 92% rural areas," it said.

NEW RULES

Industry hails move to sell EVs without batteries

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S electric vehicle industry has welcomed the government's move to allow the selling and registration of electric vehicles without batteries. According to the industry, this would widen opportunities for manufacturers and buyers both.

"Tax rebates will help drive the demand better. This is also expected to reduce the overall cost of acquisition of the product by saving amount in the vehicle registration procedure, thus offering affordability. We look forward to more such industry boosting policies," said Jeetender Sharma, MD of EV maker Okinawa.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways noted that the decision will allow the EVs cost to be disassociated from that of the battery, which accounts for 30-40 per cent of current EV cost. Batteries, then, can be sold separately.

"For this to take off and efficiently pass on the benefit to the consumer, we ought to work towards a strong infrastructure that allows EV owners to charge and swap batteries wherever they require. I look forward to more such positive interventions," said Naveen Munjal, MD, Hero Electric.

Meanwhile, Ampere Electric said that such policies were the need of the hour since increased pollution levels have been caused by a rapid rise in fossil fuel vehicles. EV sales took a big hit after the outbreak of Covid-19. JMK Research data shows that only 7,411 high-speed EV units were sold in July, compared to 16,434 in January this year.

DISCOUNTS

Hyundai India membership programme

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HYUNDAI Motor India on Thursday launched a "mobility membership program" which it says has been designed to provide a one-stop solution for smart ownership and lifestyle needs of its customers. Under the scheme, Hyundai customers will be offered exclusive deals and benefits from different brands.

The company also announced that it would be conducting a special 'Freedom Drive' to celebrate Independence Day this year. The drive will see the company offer special services like complete car sanitization and other value-added services for eight days, from August 14 to August 21.

Meanwhile, the company said that is mobility membership programme offers benefits ranging from discounts on car accessories and car rentals to discounts on shopping, wellness, food, travel, electronics and even on e-learning courses.

In the initial stage, the program will be available for all the new customers who purchase a Hyundai car on or after August 13, while in the later stage, the membership initiative's benefits will also be extended to its older customers.

Volvo India's bus business to be integrated under Volvo-Eicher JV

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

COMMERCIAL vehicle maker Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles (VECV) on Thursday said that its has signed definitive agreements for the integration of Volvo Buses India's business into VECV, which is a joint venture between Volvo Group and Eicher Motors.

With this integration, VECV will cover the manufacture, assembly, distribution, and sale of the Volvo Buses in India, and other rights forming part of the business. Consequently, the bus manufacturing facility at Hosakote, Bengaluru, and all employees of Volvo Bus India (VBI) will be transferred to

VECV. Volvo Bus India is currently a division of Volvo Group India.

"By consolidating the operations of Volvo Buses India into VECV, we aim to further develop our bus business and strengthen our position in the Indian bus market. The new bus division will offer a full range of modern buses covering customer needs for heavy, medium and light duty buses," said Håkan Agnevall, President of Volvo Bus Corporation.

Post the completion of the transaction, VECV and VBI will consolidate their bus businesses into a newly formed bus division within VECV. This division will offer Volvo and Eicher branded buses, and will maximize synergies to capitalize on market opportunities. This strategy will be extended to exports, wherein the new bus division will offer products and services that are complementary with Volvo Buses' core product portfolio in select international markets.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹535.65

Target Price ₹700

TATA CONSUMER

The company is well placed to drive additional ARPU growth from market share gains. This should help Bharti generate healthy FCF in the future. Management has been vocal and made strategic investments.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *TNIE*

DB Corp's ad, circulation revenues plunge in Q1

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRINT media group DB Corp on Thursday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹48.04 crore for the quarter ended June 2020 after the lockdown sent both advertisement and circulation revenues plunging.

It had recorded a consolidated net profit of ₹93.72 crore for the same period of the previous year. According to a statement filed by the company with the stock exchangs, its revenue from operations fell to just ₹210.41 crore during the quarter from ₹607.03 crore the previous financial year.

The company's performance in the period was likely mirrored by most print media firms, since the first two months of the quarter had seen publication and distribution activities severaly impacted by the early phases of the lockdown.

"Clearly, the pandemic has had an impact on our results in the quarter. But all our efforts, including embarking on cost-cutting programmes are intended not only to deal with the short-term need, but also to ensure that the company is well equipped to prosper in a decidedly different business environment," DB Corp Managing Director Sudhir Agarwal said.

DB's revenue from printing, publishing and allied business was down 64.45 per cent to ₹202.43 crore during the quarter as against ₹569.53 crore a year ago. Revenue from radio stood at just ₹7.98 crore against ₹37.65 crore earlier.

However, Agarwal also added that with economic activity in tier II and III cities coming back on track, the position its flagship brand Dainik Bhaskar has in the rural markets would help it "quicken the pace" of its revival. DB Corp is among the largest print media groups and owns newspapers such as Dainik Bhaskar, Divya Bhaskar, Divya Marathi and Saurashtra Samachar.

"Both circulation and advertisement revenues have shown signs of a gradual pick up on a month-on-month basis as lockdown restrictions are easing out in various states," the company said.

Business & Beyond

IBRAD's ARAMBH programme launched, aimed at supporting particularly vulnerable tribal groups

The ARAMH programme by IBRAD is being launched to create conservation-based sustainable livelihoods for particularly vulnerable tribal groups, which constitute the most vulnerable section among tribals and largely reside in isolated, remote regions. Arambh aims at enhancing social, ecological, and economic development in a comprehensive manner while conserving the natural habitat.

CLW launches SwachRail-Swach Bharat cleanliness drive

Under the directive of the Railway Board, a Swach Rail-Swach Bharat special cleanliness drive is being organised at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Chittaranjan from August 10 to 16. The programme will be carried out throughout Chittaranjan in all offices and workshop premises, and will also be implemented in the Dankuni Unit of CLW.

JSPL becomes first Indian company to supply Head Hardened rails to India's metros

India's only and first 1080 Head hardened rail manufacturer Jindal Steel & power limited (JSPL) has started supply of 1080 grade HH rails to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) toward Kolkata Metro's Joka-Esplanade corridor projct. Earlier, Indian railways used to import Head Hardened rails for construction of high speed tracks from Japan and Europe.

Paying bills online saves time, cost and energy: PSPCL CMD

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, A Venu Prasad, CMD of PSPCL made an appeal to its consumers to stay home and pay their electricity bills online to save precious time, cost and energy. Giving examples of vairous methods of digital payments on the PSPCL website, such as UMANG, BHIM, Paytm, BBPS channels like PhonePe, Just Dial, Google Pay, Amazon, Payzapp, etc., he said that the company was striving hard to provide digital payments avenues for the benefit of society.

Special LIC offer to revive lapsed polices

To encourage the continuation of risk cover in the current circumstances leaden with high risks, LIC has launched a new offer which gives an opportunity for its policyholders to revive their lapsed policies. The Special Revival Campaign will be effective from August 10 to October 9, 2020. In view of the prevailing circumstances, no concessions are being offered in medical requirements and are limited to late fees only; under plans other than term assurance and other high risk plans. Under this campaign, policies of specific eligible plans can be revived within 5 years from the date of the first unpaid premium subject to certain terms and conditions. Policies which are in a lapsed condition during the premium paying term and haven't completed the policy term as on the date of revival are also eligible to be revived.

NLCIL Neyveli signs major wage settlement agreement for contract workmen

NLCIL signed a historic settlement for the wages and other benefits of its contract workmen with contractor employers, representatives of recognised trade unions (CITU & LPF), and other trade unions representing contract workmen on August 7, 2020. The settlement was signed in the presence of V Muthu Manickam, Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Labour & Employment Ministry, GoI.

Maha Metro, TiE to host webinar on available business opportunities on August 14

Maha Metro Nagpur and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) have jointly organised a webinar session on "Business Opportunities with Nagpur Metro", August 14, 2020. The webinar will dwell upon the range of business opportunities that are on offer with Maha Metro Nagpur and will be held between 4 pm and 5 pm and would be complimentary for all the participants. MD of Maharashtra Metro Brijesh Dixit stresses the significant revenue share that is possible from the non-fare box.

Djokovic confirms US Open participation

Novak Djokovic confirmed on Thursday he will play at the US Open, the world number one ending speculation about his presence at the first Grand Slam tournament since the season restarted following the coronavirus-enforced shutdown. "I'm happy to confirm that I'll participate at #CincyTennis and #USOpen this year," the 33-year-old tweeted.

Now, shuttler Sikki tests positive

SAI-Gopichand Academy shut down for sanitisation; all primary contacts of doubles specialist to take RT-PCR test

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

DAYS after six hockey players tested positive, doubles specialist N Sikki Reddy tested positive for the coronavirus on Thursday. The 26-year-old, who along with other elite shuttlers were present for the restarting of the national camp at the SAI Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad last week, is asymptomatic. Physiotherapist C Kiran is also positive.

N Sikki Reddy

"Shuttler N Sikki Reddy and physiotherapist C Kiran, who arrived at the National badminton camp at the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad, have tested Covid positive," SAI stated on Thursday. "This came to light after they took SAI's mandatory Covid test that is given to all players, coaches and support staff on arrival. Both Sikki and Kiran are asymptomatic."

Considering Sikki had spent considerable time at the Academy, SAI will now administer the RT-PCR test on all of her primary contacts, this could include the likes of Sai Praneeth and PV Sindhu, both of whom had been training with her at the camp from last week. "All primary contacts of Sikki and Kiran have been traced and are being given the RT-PCR test again," the SAI release added.

The protocol also includes temporarily closing the facility for the purposes of sanitation. Chief national coach, Pullela Gopichand, was quoted by the release as saying that all necessary precautions will be followed before bringing the players back to train at the facility. "SAI's mandatory Covid test was given to all athletes, coaches, support staff and administrative staff at the badminton national camp, and two campers have tested positive for Covid 19. All necessary precautions as per protocol are being taken so that players can come back for training safely and as soon as possible," it stated. It's not yet known if these two positive tests could push back the arrival of other doubles specialists — Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa.

According to SAI, the camp will not be cancelled. It will, however, remain shut for at least four days before resumption of training. The primary contacts would be tested by Friday and will be on two-three days of self-isolation. SAI will assess the situation before resumption.

Pissay eager to get back on track

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

IT HAS been more than six months since Bengaluru's Aishwarya Pissay last featured in a competitive race. The pandemic has disrupted the schedule for sportspersons all around the world and the off-road motorcycle racer is keen to get going with the Baja World Cup 2020.

"We tentatively have two races, end of September or so. I will be travelling as soon as I can. It is happening in Portugal, Spain... due to the pandemic four races have already been cancelled, " said Pissay, who was signed by IOS Sports and Entertainment, on Thursday.

For racers like Pissay, who tend to travel for competitions, staying at home comes as something new. "In the last four years I have been racing, I was never home for such long period, " added the racer. The city girl has not completely been out of touch during the lockdown period too. When she found time, the 24-year-old would go and train at a few places in the city.

"I was blessed in terms of able to go and train even during the lockdown. There are quite a few training facilities in Bengaluru. All these places do not have much people around so it was safe enough for me to go and train," said Pissay.

But even at home, she did not waste any time during the lockdown period, looking at ways to maintain fitness. She would involve herself in endurance training too. She also looked at different videos on the internet, so that it would help her become a better racer.

"On a regular basis, my team and coach, especially during lockdown, we used videos from previous races and worked upon them and see what we can do better. Apart from that, I did watch a lot of videos of other people driving in different terrains and races," said Pissay, who was nominated by Federation of Motor Sports of India (FMSCI) for an Arjuna award as well.

WFI sends proposal to start camp from Sep 1

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

AFTER months of indecision, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has finally come up with a plan to restart the national camp for elite grapplers. A proposal, which mentions September 1 as the start date, has been sent to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) by the federation a couple of days ago.

"We plan to start camp on September 1. If the proposal is accepted, men will start training in Sonepat, women will camp in Lucknow," Vinod Tomar, WFI assistant secretary told this daily.

WFI had made a few attempts to start the camp earlier but wrestlers turned down the offer given the increase in coronavirus cases in the country. Like the past, the WFI plans to hold the camp in limited weight categories. Five divisions each in men's freestyle (57kg, 65kg, 74kg, 86kg and 125kg) and women's wrestling (50kg, 53kg, 57kg, 62kg and 68kg), and three divisions — 60kg, 77kg and 87kg — from Greco-Roman were shortlisted for the purpose.

Tomar claimed the wrestlers have given their nod for the camp. "Earlier, they were reluctant to join the camp but now they have accepted our proposal." The official also confirmed that the WFI has decided to hold the Senior National Championships in UP's Gonda from December 18 to 20.

Coach shifted

Greco-Roman coach Temo Kazarashvili was shifted to Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi by the SAI. The Georgian, who arrived on an extradition flight on July 30, served a seven-day quarantine at a hotel in Sonepat before moving to Bajrang Punia's flat last week.

BAYERN VS BARCA!

Lionel Messi vs Robert Lewandowski, Bayern vs Barcelona (B&B), two of Europe's biggest aristocrats go head to head in the third quarterfinal of the Champions League. Here's a look at the talking points...

Bayern favourites

If Barcelona look like a flawed side relying on individual brilliance, Bayern resemble a well-oiled machine. The Bundesliga outfit's midfield are experts at controlling the game and they have been making the other teams run rings around them. Barcelona's? Not so much.

Who is Germany's No 1?

In one of the game's more fascinating subplots, this could also be reduced to a match up between Germany's two main keepers, Manuel Neuer and Marc Andre ter Stegen. The latter has even publicly questioned why Neuer remains the No 1 for country. Will be a keenly watched contest.

Neymar helped PSG beat Atalanta in the CL quarters on Wednesday | AFP

PSG's late strike ends Atalanta's run

AFP @Lisbon

AFTER years of failing to live up to their billing in Europe, Paris Saint-Germain are within 90 minutes of the Champions League final thanks to their dramatic win over Atalanta on Wednesday, and coach Thomas Tuchel now knows "everything is possible" for his team.

PSG were on the verge of another Champions League exit as they trailed Atalanta 1-0 into the 90th minute in Lisbon, . But Mario Pasalic's 27th-minute strike for the Italians was finally cancelled out by Marquinhos, who scrambled in a last-gasp leveller.

Then, three minutes into injury time, Kylian Mbappe set up fellow substitute Eric Choupo-Moting to convert the clinching goal.

Barcelona vs Bayern Munich, Live on Sony Networks, Ten 2

EXPRESS READ

Alam out for zero on comeback, Pak struggle

SOUTHAMPTON: Pakistan's Fawad Alam saw his return to Test cricket end with a duck against England at Southampton on Thursday. James Anderson took two wickets as Pakistan were 126/5 at stumps after rain and bad light cut short play.
Brief scores: Pakistan 126/5 (Ali 60) vs England in 45.4 ovs.

RCB players quarantine starts today

BENGALURU: The Indian players of the Royal Challengers Bangalore, including skipper Virat Kohli will start their one-week quarantine period from Friday in a city hotel. They will be tested around three times before flying out to host country, UAE. The 13th edition of IPL is scheduled to start from September 19 to November 10.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
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UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065.

No. SPO/e-proc/98/2020-21 Date: 10.08.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document **KG-1 & KG-2**, from the reputed firms for the procurement of equipments **Sl. No. 1 to 15.** The details of the KG-1 & KG-2, Tender Notification, schedule, specifications are available in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-Procurement payment modes. Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Last date and time for uploading the tender: **10.09.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.** The **Financial Bid** will be opened on **14.09.2020 at 10.30 A.M.** in the Tender Committee Room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website : www.uasbangalore.edu.in Helpdesk : 91-80-46010000, 91-80-22631200, e-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intervo.com The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
Estate Officer.

DIPR/DDU/783/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore-560 001

The Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore invites tender from The Tenderer as a Prime Contractor having valid Electrical License Class-I issued by Electrical Inspectorate, Govt. of Karnataka for Providing the electrification to the Private Bus stand Shopping Complex, Bus bay and Toilet Block at Sagara. KPWD/2019-20/EL/WORK_INDENT118549 Tender's First Call for Amount **Rs.45.96 Lakhs.** As per KW-2, STD Conditions. The details may be seen and Downloaded at web site: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Downloading from Dt: **11.08.2020 to 25.08.2020 up to 16:00 Hours.** Submitted online in e-Procurement Portal on 25-08-2020 before 16:00 Hours. Further details contact under signed office at working Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids against this office TENDER INDENT Bid Enquiry No KPTCL/2019-20/IND1751- for Design Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C type wedge connectors of various sizes required for TL&SS Division, Chikkodi coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer Electy, Transmission (W&M) KPTCL, Belagavi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the ""E-procurerment" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in" on or after 4.00 pm on 14.08.2020**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.,) Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590010
Phone : 0831-2437099 Telefax : 0831-0831-2437101

GROUND WATER DIRECTORATE & PROJECT DIRECTOR, SPMU, ATAL JAL
(Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Department)
No.49, Khanija Bhavana, South Block, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001.
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No.Kar/SPMU/AtalJal/EOI_2/2020-21 Date: 06.08.2020

Expression of Interest-2 (EOI)
(e-Tendering Mode only)

The earlier called tender Expression of interest (EoI) for selecting "District Implementation Partners" under Atal Bhujal Yojan was cancelled and re-tendered. The last date of submission of EoI is **Dated: 10.09.2020 at 17.00 Hrs.**

Sd/- Tender Inviting authority
SPMU, Atal Jal, Bangalore

DIPR/DDU/KAVITA/773/2020-21

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Commissioner of Police, Mangaluru City, Mangaluru. Ph: 0824-2220801, 2220810

ACT7/293/M.City/2018-19 Date: 12.08.2020

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The following e-Tender is invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (https//:eproc.karnataka.gov.in).

Description of Tender: Providing Housekeeping Services at the various Police Stations and Offices of Mangaluru City Police Commissionerate.

Last Date for Bid Submission: 09.09.2020, 17.30 Hrs.

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Sd/- Commissioner of Police
Mangaluru City, Mangaluru

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Ref : BDL/CC/EOI/001/2020 Dt : 14.08.2020

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0-233 Identification No.- Online Tender PMGSY ADB/T-I N.C.B. No.172 for 2020-21
Letter No. 1428 Date: 10.08.2020

1. Name of the work :- Construction, of Balance **PMGSY-I (RCIP-2) ADB/T-I** works in the District of Mayurbhanj for the Year 2017-18,
2. Total No. of works :- **02 Nos. (Two Nos.)**
3. Estimated Cost :- As per annexure **Rs.229.85** lakhs to **Rs.230.25** lakhs (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'B' & 'A' Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities.
5. Period of Completion :- **12** (Twelve) Calendar months for works below Rs.5.00 crores up to Rs.3.00 crores and **09** (Nine) Calendar months for the works below Rs.3.00 crores as specified in DTCN.

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer
R.W. Circle, Baripada
OIPR-25130/11/0006/2021

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GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work
0-231 Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 170 for 2020-21
Letter No. 1404 / Date: 10.8.2020

1. Name of the work :- Periodical maintenance such as renewal coat with SDBC of the five year completed PMGSY roads in the District of Mayurbhanj during 2020-21.
2. Total No. of works :- **07 Nos. (Seven)**
3. Estimated Cost :- Rs. **220.69** lakhs to **415.81** lakhs (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- 'Special', 'A' & 'B' Class (of Odisha P.W.D) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion :- **03** (Three) Calendar months for the work.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada.	Road On-line N.C.B. No. 170	**Dt. 19.08.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Dt. 08.09.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**Dt. 07.09.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**Dt. 09.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**	**Dt. 16.09.2020 at 11.00 AM**

- Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, R.W. Circle, Baripada
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ವಿಕಲಚೇತನರ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿರಿಯ ನಾಗರಿಕರ ಸಬಲೀಕರಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಜೆಅಂಕಬ/ಯಂ.ತ್ರಿವಾ/ಅ.ಆಹ್ವಾ/ಬ/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12–08–2020

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್

ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಖನಿಜ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಮೂರು ಮತ್ತು ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಕಂತಿನ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ 1) ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ತಾ: (ಆಯ್ದ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು 10) 2)ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ತಾ: 3) ಹಗರಿಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾ: 4) ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ ತಾ: (ತೆಕ್ಕಲಕೋಟೆ) 5)ಸಿರುಗುಪ್ಪ 6) ಕೊಟ್ಟೂರು 7) ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ (ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ) 8) ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ (ನಗರ) 9) ಹಡಗಲಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ದೈಹಿಕ ವಿಕಲಚೇತನರಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರಚಾಲಿತ ತ್ರಿಚಕ್ರವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬುಲೆಟಿನ್‌ನನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಪ್ರಕರಣ –6 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಯಂತ್ರಚಾಲಿತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ/ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯವರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್) ಮೂಲಕ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10–09–2020 ಸಂಜೆ :5.00 (2)** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **14–09–2020 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 10.10 (3)** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15–09–2020 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 10.10 (4)** ಒಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೌಲ್ಯ: **2,91,60,000/– (5)** ವಾಹನಗಳ ಮಾದರಿಯನ್ನು (Sample) ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **09–09–2020**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು (ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕಿಮೆಂಟ್) ಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **www.https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in DWCD/2020-21/IND1351 DATED: 12-08-2020** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸ್ತ್ರೀ ಸೇವಾ ನಿಕೇತನ ಆವರಣ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಸರ್ಕಲ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **08392–267886** ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಇ/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ/106/2020–21 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.

Twitter has unveiled a new Application Programming Interface (API) to help businesses, academics and third-party developers build and launch new features faster. The new Twitter 'API v2' offers early stage access to conversation threading, poll results in Tweets, pinned Tweets on profiles and spam filtering among other features.

FB steps up fight against misinfo ahead of US polls

US users will start seeing labels to voting-related posts that direct them to authoritative information about the Presidential election

INFORMATION CENTRE

OAKLAND: Beginning Thursday, US Facebook users who post about voting may start seeing an addendum to their messages — labels directing readers to authoritative information about the upcoming presidential election.

It's the social network's latest step to combat election-related misinformation on its platform as the November 3 election nears — one in which many voters may be submitting ballots by mail for the first time. The social networking giant began adding similar links to posts about in-person and mail-in balloting by federal politicians, including President Donald Trump, in July.

These labels will link to a new voter information hub similar to one about Covid-19 that Facebook says has been seen by billions of users around the world.

The labels will read, "Visit the Voting Information Center for election resources and official updates."

Despite such efforts, Facebook continues to face widespread criticism around how it handles misinformation around elections and other matters. The company has generally refused to fact-check ads by politicians, for instance, and a two-year audit of its civil rights practices faulted the company for leaving US elections "exposed to interference by the President and others who seek to use misinformation to sow confusion and suppress voting."

The effectiveness of such labels will depend on how well

By providing clear, accurate and authoritative information to people, we will continue to reduce the ability of malicious networks to take advantage of uncertainty around the pandemic to interfere with the election. We encourage people in the US to use this new resource and make their voices heard by voting this fall

Facebook

Facebook's artificial intelligence system identifies the posts that really need them, said Ethan Zuckerman, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Civic Media. If every post containing the word "vote" or "voting" gets an informational link, he said, "people will start ignoring those links."

The social media group is also launching a "Voting Alerts" feature to help state and local election authorities communicate with voters about election-related updates.

"This will be increasingly critical as we get closer to the election, with potential late-breaking changes to the voting process that could impact voters," Facebook said.

"Only pages from a government authority, not the personal page of an individual election official, are eligible to participate in this feature."

Facebook said the Voting Information Center was another layer in its line of defense against election interference.

Facebook expects the voter hub to reach at least 160 million people in the US, said Emily Dalton Smith, who serves as head of social impact at the company. The primary focus is registering people to vote, she said, but the information people see will evolve throughout the election season.

"This is a unique election and a unique election season," she said. "Certainly we have never gone through an election during a global pandemic."

Other tech companies, Twitter and Google, which owns YouTube, have undertaken similar efforts around the November election.

Twitter said it is working on expanding its policies to address "new and unique challenges" related to this year's elections, including misinformation around mail-in voting.

Looking ahead to November, Facebook said it is "actively speaking with election officials about the potential of misinformation around election results as an emerging threat."

The company did not give details on the potential threats, but said that a prolonged ballot process where results are not immediately clear "has the potential to be exploited in order to sow distrust in the election outcome."

EXFILE
VENICE NURTURES ITS LAGOON BACK TO HEALTH
Venice may be famed for Saint Mark's Square or the Bridge of Sighs, but the Italian city has another jewel that is often overlooked: its lagoon. However, mankind's meddling has raised the water's salt content dramatically. But, an environmental project aims to restore it to its former glory, by introducing more fresh water
MOVE GONE WRONG
Rivers were diverted out of the lagoon to clean up swampy areas and combat malaria, said researchers at the Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (Ispra). But the move had an unforeseen consequence as it led to increasingly salty water and drop in the number of reeds
ITALY
Venice
42K acres
Original area that used to be reed beds and salt marshes
84 acres
only remain of that area
The lagoon is our life, our world. If we preserve it, we will be able to enjoy it as much as possible, and pass it on to our sons
Massimo Parravicini, head of the main amateur fishermen and hunters' association
NEW LEASE OF LIFE
A man-made canal, operational since May, allows the flow of water to be modulated according to the project's needs or high tides
Barriers made of coconut fibres contain the fresh water in the target area and help the reeds develop. In total, the project aims to restore 20 hectares of reeds
2017
Life Lagoon Refresh, a project was launched that diverts a freshwater flow from the Sile River into the lagoon
LOCAL SUPPORT
Replanters meticulously uproot reeds, taking care not to disturb the birds, before punting a few kilometres away to replant the clods
Local fishermen and bird hunters are also roped in to help transplant seagrasses that will speed up the return of aquatic plants
SALINITY PROBLEM
Reeds can tolerate some salinity, but in the inner part of the lagoon, where the water should be between 0 and 15 on the salinity scale, it is 30 — not far off the amount found in seawater
The salinity is continuously monitored, as is the water quality, vegetation and fauna
A fisherman shows small plants of seagrass that are replanted in the Venetian lagoon | AFP

Milky Way look-alike discovered

'BABY' GALAXY

PARIS: A golden halo glinting 12 billion light years away is the farthest galaxy resembling our Milky Way yet spotted, astronomers said on Wednesday, adding the "surprisingly unchaotic" infant star system challenges our understanding of the early years of the Universe.

The galaxy, called SPT0418-47, is so far away that it took billions of years for its light to reach Earth and so our image of it is from deep in the past, said the European Southern Observatory (ESO), which was involved in the discovery.

This was when the Universe was 1.4 billion years old — just 10 per cent of its current age — and galaxies were still forming. The 'baby' SPT0418-47 was picked up by the powerful Alma radio telescope in Chile using a technique called gravitational lensing, where a nearby galaxy acts as a powerful magnifying glass, the ESO said. It has features similar to our Milky Way — a rotating disc and a bulge, which is the high density of stars packed tightly around the galactic centre.

"This is the first time a bulge has been seen this early in the history of the Universe, making SPT0418-47 the most distant Milky Way look-alike," the ESO said in its statement.

Galaxy SPT0418-47 appearing as a ring of light | AFP

Wind, solar energy generate 10% of electricity in 2020, says report

GREEN THRUST

PARIS: Wind and solar produced a record 10 per cent of global electricity in the first half of 2020 as the world's coal plant fleet ran at less than half its capacity, analysis published on Thursday showed.

Despite a near-record drop in power demand due to the pandemic, renewables accounted for 1,129 terawatt-hours in January-June, compared with 992 in the first six months of 2019, according to a report by the Ember energy think tank.

Overall, the percentage of power drawn from wind and solar has more than doubled from 4.6 per cent in 2015 — the year of the landmark Paris deal on climate change. On the other hand, generation from coal — the most polluting fossil fuel — fell 8.3 per cent in the first half of 2020, the analysis showed. This was despite leading emitter China increasing its share of the global coal fleet slightly.

"From 2015 it's an incredible amount of growth (in solar and wind), but even at 10 per cent it's not completely transformational," Dave Jones, senior electricity analyst at Ember, told *AFP*.

"When we ask is it enough what we are really talking about is, how fast are emissions falling?

"Thirty per cent of fossil fuel emissions globally are just from coal power plants, so coal fired power generation needs to collapse quickly in order to limit climate change," said Jones.

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Trump expected to undo 2015 methane leak controls

EMISSION POLITICS

HARRISBURG: US President Donald Trump's administration is expected to undo Obama-era rules designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas fields and pipelines, formalising the changes on Thursday in the heart of the nation's most prolific natural gas reservoir and in the premier presidential battleground state of Pennsylvania.

(File image) A shale gas drilling site in Pennsylvania, US | AP

Andrew Wheeler, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, is expected to sign the rollback of the 2016 methane emissions rule in Pittsburgh in an event the agency touted as an announcement on the Trump administration's efforts to "strengthen and promote American energy."

The precise details of the final rule remain under wraps after the EPA first proposed the rollback last year. But states, including California, and a coalition of environmental advocacy groups warn that last year's proposed changes would be illegal — not to mention a setback in the fight against climate change — and could quickly sue to block it.

The White House took the event to Pittsburgh, home to the headquarters of many companies exploring the Marcellus Shale, the booming natural gas reservoir that vaulted Pennsylvania to the nation's No. 2 gas state, behind Texas. Pennsylvania is of prime importance in November's presidential election, and the natural gas industry is already playing a central role in TV campaign ads in the state.

Preventing methane leaks from well-site equipment and pipelines has become important for regulators because methane is a potent greenhouse gas, over 80 times more powerful than carbon dioxide in trapping heat in the atmosphere over a 20-year period, according to climate researchers. The oil and gas industry is responsible for nearly 30 per cent of the US's methane emissions, according to the EPA.

The Trump administration's change could eliminate the requirement that companies inspect for methane leaks twice a year on all equipment installed after 2015.